

ERICSSON CUP - ROUND 5

T A B L E

TOTAL

	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A
Morwell Falcons	10	5	3	1	1	12	7
Marconi Fairfield	10	5	3	1	1	9	5
Melbourne Knights	10	5	3	1	1	6	2
UTS Olympic	10	5	3	1	1	9	8
South Melbourne	7	5	2	1	2	5	6
Adelaide City	6	5	2	0	3	5	5
West Adelaide	6	5	1	3	1	4	4
Sydney United	5	4	1	2	1	2	2
Newcastle Breakers	5	5	1	2	2	5	11
Brisbane Strikers	3	4	1	0	3	6	6
Wollongong City	3	4	1	0	3	3	7
Canberra Cosmos	2	4	0	2	2	4	7

HOME

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Morwell Falcons	4	3	0	1	10	5
Marconi Fairfield	2	1	1	0	4	2
Melbourne Knights	3	3	0	0	5	0
UTS Olympic	2	2	0	0	2	0
South Melbourne	1	0	1	0	2	2
Adelaide City	3	1	0	2	3	4
West Adelaide	2	1	1	0	2	1
Sydney United	2	0	1	1	1	2
Newcastle Breakers	2	0	2	0	3	3
Brisbane Strikers	2	1	0	1	6	3
Wollongong City	3	1	0	2	2	3
Canberra Cosmos	2	0	1	1	2	3

AWAY

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Morwell Falcons	1	0	1	0	2	2
Marconi Fairfield	3	2	0	1	5	3
Melbourne Knights	2	0	1	1	1	2
UTS Olympic	3	1	1	1	7	8
South Melbourne	4	2	0	2	3	4
Adelaide City	2	1	0	1	2	1
West Adelaide	3	0	2	1	2	3
Sydney United	2	1	1	0	1	0
Newcastle Breakers	3	1	0	2	2	8
Brisbane Strikers	2	0	0	2	0	3
Wollongong City	1	0	0	1	1	4
Canberra Cosmos	2	0	1	1	2	4

W WIN 3 Points - D DRAW 1 Points - L LOSS 0

R E S U L T S

WOLLONGONG CITY.....2	
(Perinich 32nd, Luff 49th)	
SOUTH MELBURNE.....0	
MORWELL FALCONS.....2	
(Bothwell 23rd, Canosa 73rd)	
WEST ADELAIDE.....1	
(Tsekinis 68th)	
CANBERRA COSMOS.....2	
(Kelly 52nd, Perinovic 57th)	
UTS OLYMPIC.....3	
(Meredith 30th, Augerinos 76th, Tome 85th)	

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS.....2	
(Lapsansky 50th, Vojtek 83rd)	
BRISBANE STRIKERS.....0	
ADELAIDE CITY.....0	
MARCONI FAIRFIELD.....2	
(Maloney 52nd, Awaritefe 70th)	
SYDNEY UNITED.....1	
(Rudan 39th)	
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS.....2	
(Bennett 34, Lowe 61st)	

C R O W D S

BEST: 6,837 - Newcastle v UTS Olympic - Round 1
 ROUND 5 BEST: 4,866 - Adelaide City v Marconi. TOTAL ROUND 5: 22,944.
 SEASON TOTAL: 112,346. AVERAGE PER MATCH: 4,321.

LEADING GOALSCORERS

4 Damien Mori	(Adelaide City)
4 Warren Spink	(Morwell)
3 Francis Awaritefe	(Marconi)
3 Jason Bennett	(Newcastle)
3 Andy Harper	(Marconi)
3 Jim Tsekinis	(West Adelaide)
2 Elias Augerinos	(UTS Olympic)
2 Brian Bothwell	(Morwell)
2 Sean Cranney	(Brisbane)
2 Frank Farina	(Brisbane)
2 Brad Maloney	(Marconi)
2 Tony Perinich	(Wollongong)
2 Michael Reda	(Morwell)
2 Kris Trajanovski	(UTS Olympic)
1 Sean Babic	(Sydney United)

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR

6 Ernie Tapai	(Morwell)
6 Norman Tome	(UTS Olympic)
5 Bill Gjakovski	(Wollongong)
5 Robbie Hooker	(West Adelaide)

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Hooker, Petkovic and Spink called in

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Eddie Thomson, Australia's coach, will tonight release his squad of 18 players that will do battle in a two legged series on Friday 10th and Wednesday 15th of November against arch rivals New Zealand for the inaugural Ansett Challenge.

Expected to be recalled into the Australian squad are Adelaide City's young and powerful goalkeeper; Jason Petkovic, West Adelaide's captain and sweeper, Robbie Hooker and Morwell Falcons' dynamic goal-ace, Warren Spink.

Spink is joint leading goal-scorer in the Ericsson Cup with four goals, locked in with Adelaide City's international striker,



Eddie Thomson:
Australia's sceptical boss.

Damian Mori who also is expected to be named by Thomson tonight.

The first leg on Friday November 10, will be played in Christchurch, New Zealand. The return clash will

take place in Newcastle at Breakers Stadium, Birmingham Gardens, on Wednesday, the 15th, with a 7.30 kick off.

This international Challenge against the All Whites will be the first stage of Oceania's qualification series for the FIFA Inter-Continental Cup.

The winner of this Ansett Challenge will then play the winner of Tahiti and the Solomon Islands for the right to represent Oceania in the prestigious and newly devised competition.

Six nations representing each of FIFA's Confederations will compete for the Inter-Continental Cup to be played in early 1997 in Saudi Arabia.

Thomson stated to ABSW last night: "Don't for one moment underestimate the

Kiwis.

"They must be doing something right as in their last international they drew 2-2 with Uruguay, in Uruguay.

"Yes I'm sure they'll give us a tough two games.

"I'm sure there will be only a goal or two between us", promised Thomson.

The ever-thinking Thomson however also went on to add a word of warning as almost week by week, yet another Australian player drifts off overseas seeking personal fame and fortune.

"Since our last international against the Colombians, I have lost from the Australian squad no less than six more players to overseas clubs.

"Gone are Zeljko Kalac, Stan Lazaridis, Tony Vidmar, Steve Horvat, Gabriel Mendez, Stevie Corica, plus big Mark Viduka.

"Even Kevin Muscat is about to go off to England which will lift that latest number to eight more current internationals overseas.

"I have pulled in Robbie Hooker who at 28 years plus, can give me plenty of



Milan Blagojevic:

Midfielder recalled into the National squad.

reliable cover anywhere across the back-line where I may need it.

"I am still undecided on a couple of other names which by Tuesday night I will have

made up my mind on," ended Australia's boss.

Sydney Olympic's newly signed and in-form Milan Blagojevic, following his rapid recovery from surgery

for a knee reconstruction, is also expected to be re-drafted into the squad.

This season he has excelled in the National League first in midfield and more recently as their lateral-defender.

With so many Australian players now based in Europe, Thomson's hand has been forced to automatically upgrade some of the Australian Olympic Games squad-members such as goalkeeper, Frank Juric, skipper and defender Kevin Muscat, the pacey left midfielder Danny Tiatto and the explosive direct-striker, Joe Spiteri.

THOMSON'S PROBABLE SQUAD, TO BE ANNOUNCED TONIGHT:

Goalkeepers: Frank Juric and Jason Petkovic.

Defenders: Kevin Muscat, Tony Popovic, Alex Tobin, Andrew Marth, Milan Ivanovic, Robbie Hooker.

Midfielders: Paul Wade (capt), Jason Polak, Milan Blagojevic, Danny Tiatto.

Strikers: John Markovski, Joe Spiteri, Warren Spink, Damian Mori.

Two more players to be added to the above squad.



Robbie Hooker: The sweeper has been recalled into the National squad.

Melbourne AM radio station 3AW broadcasting from 1278 on the dial, features a half hour segment with Socceroo skipper Paul Wade every Saturday.

The segment appears during the Sports Saturday programme, hosted by David Hookes and Gerard Healy.

Airing at 3pm, Melbourne time, and 2.30pm Adelaide time, (on relay to 5AA) the segment will follow all the big soccer stories during the 1995/96 season in Australia and overseas.

The entertaining and informative segment includes interviews with local Australian soccer personalities and many based in Europe including Ned Zelic, Mark Bosnich, Robbie Slater, Aurelio Vidmar. The world famous television soccer commentator Martin Tyler is also a regular.

Paul Wade said "We have a lot of fun with Hooksey and Gerard - It's great that 3AW and 5AA recognise soccer's popularity".

Breakers

re-sign Junior

Former Australian youth international Glen Sprod has been signed by Newcastle Breakers for the remainder of the national league season.

Sprod, who played for Australia at Under 20 level, was a member of the Newcastle side in 1992 until he transferred to Parramatta Eagles for the 1993 and 1994 seasons.

"Glen is a quality midfield player and will add depth to the squad," said Breakers coach John Kosmina.

"He is only 21 and has a good career ahead of him."

Sprod played three years with English Third Division club Exeter City before returning to the Australian scene.

He has made 67 appearances in the national league.

MARCONI v CANBERRA



MARCONI STADIUM



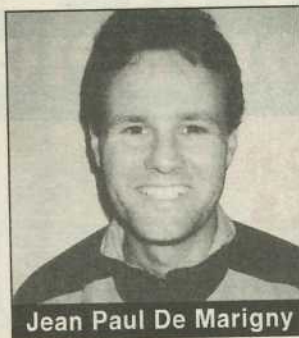
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Australia overcomes Japan

The Olympic teams of Australia and Japan met at Bruce Stadium, Canberra last Thursday with the home side running out winners by three goals to nil.

"We were the better side," declared Australian coach Eddie Thomson after goals by Joe Bacak, Michael Valkanis and Norman Tome had sent the 1,500 crowd away happy.

"Japan caught us a couple of times in the first half with their speed, and the captain Teruyoshi Ito is a quality player. I think the result reflected the difference between the sides."

After a goalless first half, Thomson admitted to a sinking feeling when Japanese goalkeeper Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi made a reaction save, from Brad Hassell, in the opening moments of the second half.

"I was beginning to think the goals would never come," the coach said.

That situation was righted just after the hour when Goran Lozanovski beat defender Tadahiho Akiba to set up Hassell.

Kawaguchi could only block

Hassell's shot and Bacak pounced on the loose ball to score.

While that goal took 63 minutes to arrive, the second came in as many seconds.

Defender Valkanis, up for a Ante Moric corner, headed home at the far post. Substitute Tome, on the field for just seven minutes, staked his claim to a spot in the starting lineup, by powering home a Sean Cranney cross for number three, in the 77th minute.

Thomson said Tome and captain Kevin Muscat were his men of the match, with Danny Tiatto fading after an outstanding first half.

It was the Olyroos' final international workout before the Olympic Games qualifying tournament in Adelaide in January, but Thomson said the squad would come together for a camp in Canberra in December.

"I'll be hoping the Canberra Cosmos national league team will oblige us with a work-out then," he said.

Summary - Australia Olyroos 3 bt



Norman Tome: Scored after coming on as sub.

Japan Olympic 0 at Bruce Stadium, Canberra. H/T: 0-0. Referee: Brett Hugo. Crowd 1,500.

ALL WHITES NAME SQUAD

The New Zealand team will use next month's trans-Tasman series, the first since the World Cup qualifiers in 1993, to gauge its world standing, coach Bobby Clark said.

Clark has named a 19-man squad to prepare for the home-and-away Ansett Challenge against Australia, which starts in Christchurch on November 10. The return leg, in Newcastle, will be on November 15.

Scotsman Clark is relishing the opportunity to pit his All Whites against a world class Australian outfit.

"I've been here long enough to realise that these clashes between New Zealand and Australia are just like when Scotland plays England, it's very

important," Clark said.

The match is crucial in Clark's masterplan for developing an All White side capable of beating Australia in World Cup qualifying matches in two years.

He is not expecting to win this time but said his side needs the match to get a "feeling for where we are".

"This series is very important in our buildup for the World Cup, it will let us see where we are at. It would be nice to get a win but we're realistic enough to know we're playing a world class side," he said.

Clark has named three goalkeepers, South Africa based Michael Utting, Alan Stroud and Jason Batty, in his squad. But one is likely to stay behind when only 18 players travel to Australia

for the return leg.

There is still some doubt over whether Utting will be available as his Pretoria City side is involved in a promotion-relegation battle.

Of the team that toured South America earlier this year, Sean Douglas and Ivan Vicelich are missing. Vicelich has gone to Croatia to play and Clark said it was too hard to get him back for just a few days.

His place has been taken by Thomas Edge, who has been a standout for Waitakere City.

Douglas has been dropped in favour of Melbourne-based striker Heremaia Ngata.

"We wanted to have a look at Harry Ngata, who had a very good season last year when he was with North Shore."

The squad is: Alan Stroud (Christchurch Rangers), Alan Evans (Woolston, Christchurch), Michael McGarry, Graham Marshall (Roslyn-Wakari, Dunedin), Andy Rennie, Chris Jackson, Perry Cotton (Napier City Rovers), Jason Batty, Mark Elrick, Neil Harlock (North Shore, Auckland), Rodger Gray, Darren McClennan, Thomas Edge (Waitakere City, Auckland), Simon Elliott, Stu Jacobs (Miramar, Wellington), Michael Utting (Pretoria City, South Africa), Harry Ngata (Melbourne Juventus), Vaughan Coveny (South Melbourne), Chris Zoricich (Brisbane).

Coaches: Bobby Clark, Keith Pritchett, Ken Dugdale.

'95 Fiji Masters Soccer Challenge

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Tomorrow (Wednesday) three Australian Over 35s squads will fly out with Air Pacific bound for Nadi, Fiji, to contest the second only "Fiji Masters Soccer Challenge Cup".

No less than 12 teams are expected to compete for the coveted Masters' Trophy, including the squads from Australia, organised by Sydney Travel Agency, Sportswell Tours.

The other nine squads, (all local Fijian sides) hail from all over Fiji including the crack local champion side 'Ba'.

The tournament at this stage is envisaged to be played in four Groups consisting of three teams.

'Ba' lost the inaugural Fiji Masters Soccer Challenge Final last year to Melbourne's very well organised and expertly coached "Brazilian Old Boys".

Other local sides competing in the Masters will come from Lautoka, Nadi and from Fiji's capital, Suva.

The Brazilian Old Boys



LAST YEAR'S ABSW TEAM

SPORTSWELL TOURS

coached by team-leader Gil Moreira, displayed enormous skills, great resilience under the extremely hot conditions as well as team discipline to defeat the local champions and hot favourites 'Ba,' in the Masters Final by a crushing 4-1 margin.

Brazilian striker John Santos who again travels to Fiji, scored two great goals in the Final.

However, the 'Brazilian Old Boys' this year unfortunately will be making

their journey to Fiji to defend their Masters' crown, without their superstar midfielder, Juan Toro.

Last year was the inaugural Masters' Trophy and the Victorian-Brazilians have now backed up to go to Fiji and defend their crown.

Oldest player in the Fijian Masters last year (aged 67), and playing for the 'Australian & British Soccer

Weekly' team, was another ABSW reader who hails from Tasmania, Tommy Blair. Now a sprightly 68, the very fit Tommy with his lethal left footed crosses, has again saddled up to make his second trip to the tropical island tomorrow.

Alan McNair who skippered last season's 'ABSW' team from the sweeper's role, will this year

lead the 'All Class Footballers' squad.

Making her first Fijian Masters entry as a playing member of Sydney side, 'Lane Cove United', will be Ms Anne McLaren, a Federation registered player who no doubt could make a big impression with the local Fijians.

Function/Welcome and Managers meeting will be held on Thursday.

The Masters culminates with the closing ceremony

and Awards Dinner next Saturday night.

The Australian squads are expected to return on Wednesday week, November 8.

TEAM ONE

All Class Footballers
Alan McNair (captain), George McDonald, Samuel Sattout, Patrick Sattout, Ian Adamson, Youssef Charbel, Andrew Maffin, Paul Hughes, Angus Laidlaw, Ken Moore, Kevin Jeffrey, Alan Williamson, John Sheddin, Mark Flusk, Sam Puglisi, Munro Nichols, Serge Yardin, Branimir Dunat, Tom Blair.

TEAM TWO

Lane Cove United
Don Burke, Steve Brown, Alex Coutts, Tim Favill, Roy Hudson, John Milce, Frank Murray, Vince Stevens, William McDonnell, Anne McLaren, Joe Nigem.

TEAM THREE

Brazil Old Boys-the current Masters Champions.
J Camargo, J De Almeida, W Jara, M Manson, S Manson, G Moreira, D Lara, V Gatsonis, J C Riquelme, I Nilo, H Lara, R Poci, J Santos, J Trebbia.

XII SYDNEY SOCCER WORLD CUP '95

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NOVEMBER

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Saturday 4	+35/SF	12.30pm	Chile	v	England
	-18/QF-A	2.00pm	Uruguay	v	Spain
	-18/QF-B	3.30pm	Turkey	v	Runner-un G1
	-18/QF-C	5.00pm	Portugal	v	2nd. best 3rd.
	-18/QF-D	6.30pm	Italy	v	1st. best 3rd.
Sunday 5	-18/SF	12.00pm	Winner QF-C	v	Winner QF-A
	-18/SF	1.45pm	Winner QF-D	v	Winner QF-B
	+35	3.30pm	Australia	v	USA
	AA/SF	5.00pm	Turkey *	v	Uruguay
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LABBOZZETTA WINS ELECTION

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Tony Labbozzetta (right), last Sunday morning was again re-elected as president of the giant and plush Club Marconi for a record 10th year, heavily defeating surprise challenger, the former Australian World Cup midfielder and sports equipment manufacturer, Ray Richards.

Labbozzetta scored a massive almost 600 votes against Richards who came in with just over 200.

Most of the Club Marconi Board of Directors were re-elected with two exceptions.

The popular Mr Ronnie Cavagnino, due to business commitments did not stand, and Mr Ignazio Morvillo missed out.

The two new incoming Directors are, Mr Nello Pellegrino and Mr Bruno Bagatella.

Meanwhile in other news concerning Marconi, the Club has prepared its



detailed submission on the transfer of their international goalscoring midfielder, Steve Corica, whose transfer fee is in dispute with English First Division club, Leicester City. Marconi's submission will

be delivered this week to Soccer Australia for onward transmission to FIFA in Zurich. Corica's case will go before a Tribunal hearing expected to be heard within a month.

Marconi defender trialling in Germany

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



Ian Pollari: Currently on trials with two German second division clubs.

Marconi's World Youth Championship central defender, Ian Pollari, flew out to Germany recently for trials with two second division clubs based in Munich including Munich Sendling.

Pollari who was first spotted at the last World Youth Championships held in Qatar by German talent scouts. He was also highly recommended to the Germans by the former Marconi giant World Cup goalkeeper, Mark Schwarzer who is currently playing in the Bundesliga.

Last night ABSW contacted Pollari's surprised mother, Mrs Katrina Pollari who told us: "It all happened ever so suddenly. Ian received a phone call and the next thing he was packed and gone within two days."

"He rang us last night and told us that he has already played in a friendly match and was pleased with his form. He always wanted to experience fulltime Soccer so he grabbed the chance when it came."

"Marconi officials have been very understanding and gave Ian

permission to fly to Germany but he must return by November 12th.

"Ian was to start his studies in Economics at Uni this year but delayed them to be able to make the Australian World Youth squad for Qatar."

"Unfortunately for him when the Australian squad was training in Holland just prior to the start of the Championships, he contracted a stomach virus which forced him to miss the first matches."

"But he recovered in time to play in the last two games against Germany and Portugal", explained Mrs Pollari.

Pollari started in Soccer in Sutherland Shire with the Sylvania Under 10s. He gained selection through all the Rep sides within the Shire before moving to St George.

Just over two seasons ago, Pollari decided his future lay with Marconi.



NATIONAL LEAGUE NEWS

AROK SPEAKS

Greatly experienced coach Frank Arok believes the National League should go the way of Australian Rules football and basketball by introducing a running interchange system.

Arok said soccer's substitution system was limiting because it restricted tactical moves and interrupted the flow of a game.

"It would be more exciting and sooner or later it will come in," said Arok.

"Unfortunately our game

is a bit conservative and we need a bit of colour."

The South Melbourne coach said a running interchange would give coaches a chance to introduce specialist free-kick takers for dead ball situations.

Teams in the Ericsson Cup name three players on the Team Sheet as possible substitutes, which could include a reserve goalkeeper. Any or all of these players can be used in a match.

In soccer, a player cannot return to the pitch once

replaced.

"What's the use in having all these guys on the bench when you can't really use them," said Arok.

Soccer Australia spokesman, Scott Crebbin, said that the world game's governing body, FIFA would have to ratify such a radical change before it could be introduced.

He said FIFA was looking at bringing in time-out in games and trialled it at this year's Under 17 world championships in Qatar.

MUSCAT TRANSFER

Former Young Socceroo skipper Kevin Muscat will leave for England today (Tuesday) after South Melbourne and Sheffield United completed arrangements for his transfer.

Muscat's manager, Gary Williams said United manager-coach Dave Bassett wanted to give Muscat first team experience as soon as possible.

South Melbourne has agreed to lower its demands on the sale of the defender who will initially cost The Blades \$A155,000.

The English first division club will now give South a 20 per cent cut, rather than 50, from any future transfer fee gained for Muscat. It will also pay South \$60,000 for every 15 senior games the 22-year-old plays.

Muscat, who was played for the Australia Olyroos in Canberra against Japan last week, had a three week trial with the Bramall Lane club in August.

UTS SYDNEY MOVING HOME

The NSW Department of Sport and Recreation and Canterbury Council will upgrade Belmore Oval, in Sydney's inner west, with UTS Olympic and rugby

league's Sydney Bulldogs to play there next year.

The State Minister for Sport and Recreation, Gabrielle Harrison, said the department would provide \$350,000 - from last year's unallocated Footy TAB funds - to assist a major contribution from Canterbury Council of \$1.2 million.

The funds will be used to improve facilities at Belmore Oval in order to benefit a wide range of sports.

"The relocation of Sydney Olympic to Belmore is a key factor in the department's decision to allocate those funds," Ms Harrison said.

"The area has a strong Greek community and I believe the upgrade of this facility will have a very positive impact on support for Sydney Olympic."

SPITERI TO SWITZERLAND

Olyroo striker Joe Spiteri is to have a three-week trial in Switzerland.

Spiteri's agent Gary Williams said the Melbourne Knights star would leave this week but he would not reveal the identity of the two Swiss clubs courting Spiteri.

West Ham manager Harry Redknapp wanted to recruit Spiteri but work visa restrictions prevented him from proceeding with a deal.

"Redknapp saw Spiteri when West Ham played the Olyroos out here and he wanted to sign him. Joe's parents are Maltese and his grandparents hold a British passport but that wasn't good enough," Williams said.

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Contrast of supporter styles

Dear Sir,
The time has come for the new regime in Soccer Australia to act!

The recent game between Canberra Cosmos and Sydney United provided the best possible contrast between the new and the old 'world' of National League soccer.

After just one game Canberra, a community-based team, drew more spectators than Sydney United has in most of its games in the national competition.

After 10 years of absence and unfamiliar players, the Canberra public of all backgrounds were still able to loudly and unitedly chant for their team in a non-aggressive fashion.

As United captain Tony Popovic stated on 'On The Ball' the Canberra crowd helped the team to a draw after being down to 10 men for the last half hour.

How ironic then that some so-called experts had called for Canberra (Croatia) Deakin to run the Canberra entry. Thousands of Canberrans saw vivid proof of just what a disaster that would have been.

Both inside and outside the ground extreme, visiting, young supporters, led by what seemed a few rabble rousers, chanted insults and profanities at Canberra supporters.

There were a number of unsavoury incidents inside the ground which resulted in ground security being called on to deal with them.

By the time you read this, they will have exported their ugliness to Wollongong's Brandon Park.

Is this the image Soccer Australia wants for the game in this country? Definitely not!

The responsibility lies squarely with 'Sydney United'. They must realise that their chance of broadening their support is zero if the BBB continues to function.

Sydney United should be at least heavily fined and put on notice that if they fail to remove this blight on the game's image, they will be thrown out of the competition.

Soccer Australia needs to show that the days of appeasement are gone.

This is a new dawn for our game but Sydney United are still living in the dark. It is now time for action!

Chris Kunz, Higgins. ACT.

National League needs broader base

Dear Sir,
I read with interest recently that Parramatta Eagles intend to be back in the A-League soon.

I also read in another magazine that Melbourne Zebras intend to be back as well and may build great new facilities in the north of Melbourne which will include their own little stadium, bocce courts, will be better than the Veneto club and will be in the middle of a large Italian community.

Full marks for trying but these people are missing the point! The national league clubs should represent all Australians in their areas — not a slowly dwindling ethnic sub-group.

These people are racial discriminators and work against what Australia stands for.

How dare they attempt to squander a national league franchise for a closed-community, racial minority!

We don't want an A League Juventus or Croatia (even with a non-ethnic name to satisfy the media) any more than we want an A League Scottish Thistle or British Lions — quite apart from the fact that you could never build a truly great club with a long-term future on an ethnic sub-group.

So will these clubs get back into the A League?

I don't think so — Mr Hill & Co. are smarter than that. Will the current ethnic clubs in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide stay there?

If I were Mr Hill and I could string together a franchisee backed by some big corporates and run on big-company, highly-professional lines, they wouldn't. If basketball can do it, so can soccer.

The ethnic clubs could be the catalysts to enter the big time — but are they prepared to think big and start looking outside of their own little ethnic borders — at mergers, corporate partnerships, federation joint ventures, public participation?

Or will Soccer Australia have to be heavy-handed again?

It doesn't need a real smart person to work out that, ideally, Sydney should have two clubs, Victoria two, and Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth and the other large regional centres one in a well balanced league of 10 clubs.

Gotta run, I'm treading on thin ice here...

R. Shepherd, Taringa. Qld.

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YOU CAN MAKE A CHANGE

The current cross reference index of "Soccer Clubs — See Clubs Football" in the Yellow Pages is misleading, since many soccer organisations listed under clubs-sporting-miscellaneous are not found.

For instance, the Yellow Pages of the Central Coast, NSW shows the number of soccer organisations under football clubs is three (3); whereas the number of soccer organisations under clubs-sporting-miscellaneous is five (5). Therefore, the index will only find 38 per cent of entries!

Do not just complain! Write to Telstra and present your arguments

for a change. They liked the status quo. Do not give in on a just cause, but write again! This was done by me and a reply was received dated 23 August 1995 as follows:

"The changes on the following page have been agreed upon and will be effective for the 1997 issue of the Yellow Pages Metropolitan and Country Directories."

It will appear as follows:

NEW HEADINGS:
CLUBS — Australian Rules Football
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CLUBS — Soccer

AMENDED INDEX CROSS REFERENCES:
SOCCER CLUBS — See Clubs — Soccer
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A NEW INDEX CROSS REFERENCE:

INDOOR SOCCER — See Indoor Sports, Sports Centres and/or Grounds

Why 1997? In 1996, they will ask all existing subscribers for their desired classifications.

The golden rule: customer service. Then in 1997, they will print all yellow page directories across Australia in the same manner.

Dr. Peter Bayliss, Pearl Beach, NSW.

Time for football's right of reply

Dear Sir,
The angry letter from Andrew Torpy of Kilmore in edition of October 24 demands a reply in my defence.

Obviously he missed the 'Ron Barassi Memorial Lecture' given by Dr Margaret Linley which was given space in ABSW of October 3. This lady, I believe in a good natured way, had a dig at Soccer and at Rugby while extolling the virtues and delights of Australian Rules.

No person who loves their favourite code of football and feels passionately about it could remain silent in the face of such remarks.

With due respect to Ron Barassi he can hardly have counted his time as coach of the Sydney Swans as success. There he failed. However he had to put up with little money and many off-field dramas. This is no recipe for success.

There are many observers of football who believe that three seasons in charge of one club as coach is long enough. It doesn't matter how many times a coach has put teams on the park, the only measure is how many wins did they achieve.

The comment about relative 'target' size could have been checked with

some basic research. The Soccer target called the 'goals' in 8 foot high by 24 foot wide that's 192 square feet. Aussie Rules have three posts with no cross bar, so the ball can be kicked from ground level up to as high as the goal umpire can see to score a 'goal'.

As I said before rewards come for just missing and according to my reference book are called behinds for which one point is awarded. A sort of consolation.

The distance between the posts is 6.4 metres or 25 foot 6 inches and there are three posts, that makes over 75 feet to shoot at and virtually limitless height but let's say 30 feet which makes about 2,250 square feet. Over 10 times as much space to aim at as a Soccer player.

Realistically there is only one World Game. Association Football is played in more than 190 countries. There is a game going on somewhere in the world almost every second of time.

The game was devised outside Australia. The first competitive game took place in Australia 115 years ago. The oldest clubs in this country are in the Hunter Valley near Newcastle. Wallsend and Adamstown Rosebud were formed in the

1880s. Association football was played in the Western Australia goalfields during the 1890s.

I have actually attended more games of Australian Rules than I have Rugby League. Football Park in Adelaide is brilliant but so big. Three contests of the World Game could probably be held simultaneously on the ground.

I make no apologies for drawing sexual connotations in my previous letter on the subject. Afterall the deliverer of the lecture did exactly that.

Mr Torpy, just remember, you and I are talking about games. We both call them football. They are none the less just games. They probably shouldn't be treated too seriously.

The last word is given to one of the greatest and most successful football coaches ever to have charge of a team, the late Bill Shankly of Liverpool, England fame. He said, "Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I don't like that attitude. I can assure them it is much more serious than that." Certainly a great memorial to a brilliant tactician.

P.S. Glad to see you read ABSW.

Bob Brooks, Seven Hills, NSW.

Strive for full professionalism in Ericsson Cup

Dear Sir,
Unfortunately, Mr Pavelic, did not understand the point of my previous letter. I will not dignify his ignorant, reactionary comments with a response but I will clarify my position and offer a positive solution to the state of the National League.

I was not criticising the Croatian nationality or people from Croatian backgrounds, I was arguing that Sydney United is just a masquerade for Sydney Croatia (remember the Bradley report?)

This does happen all over the country and it is undeniably holding back the progression of Australian soccer to a mainstream sport.

I do not suggest for one minute that the ethnic clubs disband, rather the opposite.

I believe that we should promote the ethnicity in our game by allowing clubs to celebrate their ethnic heritage.

The current situation whereby clubs are being forced to deny their ethnic origin is deplorable, both for the clubs and spectators.

It is just not working. Look at the National League (the flagship for the game in this country), it is made up of small time semi-professional clubs, playing at second rate suburban grounds in front of paltry crowds.

Australian soccer deserves more than this mediocrity. A new direction is needed and a privately owned, corporation based, fully professional league is the way to go.

The current teams in the National League should re-enter their respective State Leagues and form prestigious winter competitions around the country.

All teams would be able to proudly revert back to their ethnic origins. The larger leagues (ie NSW and Victoria) could be shown on SBS and promoted for their multicultural value to the country.

There could be two cup competitions, one an FA style cup for all registered clubs in the country and the other just for the top two State League divisions and the NSL teams.

These two knockout cups could also be shown on SBS. Possibly the winners of these cups could play in an Asian cup winners style tournament.

The winners of the various leagues would play off to find the national champion.

The clubs would also act as feeder clubs for the private teams, and they would share in profits from the sale of players and revenue from the professional league.

It makes me sick to the stomach, as I'm sure it does to all supporters of Australian soccer, to see the ridiculous amounts of money being poured into the creation of the Rugby League Super League.

Why is this not happening to Australian Soccer? A fully professional, privately owned, league playing in major venues (for example in Sydney, the SFS and Parramatta Stadium) on commercial and pay television is surely what the game in this country deserves.

The league played in the summer, could be made up of teams from Brisbane, Newcastle, Canberra, Wollongong, Hobart, Adelaide, Perth, Darwin and two teams from both Sydney and Melbourne. Again with the winner of the league to play in an Asian Champions League.

Imagine how competitive this elite league would be if there was enough financial incentives to encourage our young stars to stay in, and our established stars to return to, the country.

Surely the administrators at Soccer Australia could put together an attractive proposal to alert the News types to the undeniable potential of such a league, especially with the revenue making opportunities with the formation of an Asian Champions League. Although I have not gone into great detail, I think everybody should be able to understand my vision and I hope it encourages some serious debate and not worthless personal attacks.

B. Callcott, Bondi Beach. NSW.

A FAN'S THANKS

Dear Editor,
I would just like to say thanks for such a terrific paper.

Also I would like to say congratulations to the Marconi women's sides for winning both the firsts and reserve grade titles this year, they thoroughly deserved it as they are just so much better than everyone else and I think it would be a privilege to play for a club with great players such as: Anissa-Tann-Darby, Jackie Hadden, Traci Bartlett, Kim Lembryk and of course my favourite player, Michelle Watson.

I just think everyone should know what a nice girl Michelle Watson is. At the preliminary semi-final a friend of mine (who plays for Marconi reserves) and her mum called her over while I was standing there and told Michelle that she was my hero and showed her my photo album which has action photos of her in it.

They asked her if she would be in a photo with me and she graciously obliged, which I think was extremely kind of her. The next weekend after the Grand Final she signed a poster of the Australian Women's Team for me and I just think that everyone should know that she takes time out for her fans even though she may get a little embarrassed.

Michelle Watson's No. 1 fan!
Amanda Bowering, Camden, NSW.

WASTE OF TIME AND INK

Dear Sir,
Andrew Torpy (ABSW 24.10.95), I have to get personal but you really are an idiot.

This can only explain why you would waste time writing a tediously long letter to a soccer paper, rubbishing the game and extolling the virtues of Aussie Rules Football.

I follow and enjoy watching Aussie Rules too, but your letter was ridiculous, and also sadly lacking in any substantial soccer knowledge.

Surely a few, perhaps hastily — worded comments about football shouldn't have hurt your little feelings.

After all, yours is the best game in the world, isn't it?

One problem with that statement, its only played in Australia so that's one of your claims out the window.

I especially like the annual "AFL Team of the Year" — who do they play?

So Bob Brooks called a bounce a ball-up and a point a behind. It was tongue-in-cheek and you must be extremely insecure to get so wound up by a "soccer" writer.

Your comparisons of soccer/football excitement, fitness and salaries were also quite ignorant.

You asked which soccer coach has lasted five years — haven't you heard of Zoran Matic, coach of Adelaide City for 10 consecutive years.

Barassi can't match that record at one club and your listing his stats was a waste of ink. You're preaching to the disinterested. Yes, AFL players are on the field for 120 minutes, but with more stoppages (bounces, throw-ins), more goals and an interchange bench, 90 minutes of soccer with only one rest at half-time (not each quarter) more than compares.

Surely you'd know that with your 'vast' sporting knowledge.

Lastly, your "boys", "wimpy sport" and "crappy game" comments prove you are just as capable of being pathetic and show you don't understand or respect soccer at all.

I therefore suggest you continue watching football, leave the real world football to the real fans, and stop buying ABSW.

Aussie Rules, although a great sport, will NEVER threaten soccer on a world scale. Accept it and get a life.

Lance Librandi, Paradise. SA.

Stunned by comments

Dear Sir,

I was stunned to read comments attributed to John Kosmina on page 4 of October 24 edition of ABSW.

I believe Soccer Australia should investigate these alleged comments; namely criticism of the referee and labelling Queenslanders cheats. As for publicly sledging Clint Bolton, John Kosmina has illustrated his complete lack of respect for a fellow professional, something that should not be tolerated.

Finally congratulations to Brisbane not only for the result but also for luring back Frank Farina.

As for John Kosmina I sincerely hope he learns to think before he speaks, and since he hasn't got \$200,000 to spend on players may I suggest Kleenex as a suitable brand of tissues to wipe away those tears!

Mark Lustica, Gladstone Park. Vic.

'Aerial ping-pong' in minority

Dear Sir,

I say two prayers each day.

One, I thank God that I'm alive and in the second one — I thank God I don't live in Melbourne.

I don't wish to offend my football — following friends down there, but when I read such drivel as spouted by one Andrew Torpy, it reminds me that this otherwise pleasant city is inhabited by tens of thousands of these creatures who otherwise call themselves 'footy-fans'.

I am proud of the fact that I know very little about Aussie Rules or 'aerial ping-pong', as it was once christened by a bemused American.

I am even prouder of the fact that I care even less about this game — which puts me into the same category as 75% of all Australians and 99.99999% of the world.

So, I will not bother finding fault with it.

All I remember about Aussie Rules is that they tried to sell this unique piece of Australian culture in the UK, on the back of that other piece of Aussie culture 'Neighbours' which I believe (again I am proud of the fact that I never watch it), also emanates from the same city.

The ultimate testimony to Aussie Rules appeal abroad, is that in the UK,

they preferred 'Neighbours' to that incredibly exciting game which draws tens of thousands of worshippers of the ilk of Andrew Torpy.

My advice to Andrew Torpy is this: Wake up son!

Pick up an atlas and open it to that coloured picture called 'The World'.

Don't try and look for Victoria on this map — not even with a large magnifying glass because on this map — it DOESN'T EXIST!

Now, that place called 'The World' is where they play FOOTBALL and where only 0.00001% of human beings play 'Aussie Rules'.

I am not trying to put you and your game down Andrew — only in it's proper place!

Even rugby league has a couple of opponents in the world to play against.

YOUR game has to invent even more ridiculous laws so that you can play against the Irish in some hybrid cross of Aussie Rules and Gaelic football.

Put in the hands of people like Andrew Torpy and the woman who delivered the — (I've forgotten his name) — lecture, Australia would quickly become the laughing stock of the sporting world.

Henry Wiegler, Forestville. NSW.

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Chanting Aussie names 'I'd like to hear that'

Dear Sir,

In his letter (10.10.95), B. Callcott makes several valid points regarding the promotion of foreign nations (in this case Croatia) in Aussie soccer.

It is insulting to brand Mr Callcott racist simply because he states facts.

Rather than arguing against his observations, writers Pavelic and Cranston (17.10) highlight perfectly the problem in Aussie soccer: the "us versus them" mentality of many of the clubs and their supporters.

This mindset is not based on domicile such as the rivalry in rugby league's State of Origin, but rather on ethnic origin.

Several points need to be made on this issue.

No one would deny that Sydney United (or is that Croatia Sydney?) have produced some excellent players and



play an entertaining brand of soccer.

The problem lies in the way this club, and several others, have gone about their business — promotion of a foreign nation above the one that provides them with their peace, security and prosperity.

Who really wants to see foreign flags and banners and hear similar chants at Aussie Soccer matches?

Thus replies by Pavelic and Cranston are well wide of the mark, if not inflammatory.

For instance Mr Pavelic highlights the "us versus them" mentality by claiming those of Croatian origin are "better than your average Smiths and Jones from Brisbane and Newcastle." I thought we were all Australians regardless of surname. It is clear

where your sentiments lie.

And Tonia Cranston's assertion of progress is curious. I get a little cheesed-off when Aussie kids arrogantly (or is that aggressively?) shove a Croatian, Greek or Italian flag in my face at an Aussie soccer game.

I will know progress has occurred Ms Cranston when Knights, Sydney United and South Melbourne fans start using their City's names in their chants, stop waving foreign flags and rid themselves of that ugly European habit of letting off flares.

I hardly think "older generations" are the only ones involved in such activities. It seems the more things change the more they stay the same.

Until changes are made so that clubs such as Sydney United provide a broader community appeal Mr Callcott will always have live ammunition to fire; and until the division attitude purported by Mr Pavelic disappears Aussie Soccer will, in businessman Paul Morgan's words, "continue to do it tough."

Stephen Plummer,
Caloundra. Qld.

AFL \$75,000 peanuts to Baggio

Dear Sir,

I would like to respond to the letter that was printed in the October 24th edition of your paper titled "in defence of Aussie Rules."

As a keen follower of soccer I feel that Mr Torpy had the nerve to try to compare AFL to soccer.

I admit that the Australian league does not have the players nor the coverage to match it with Aussie Rules in Australia, and that is why, Mr Torpy, Australian players go overseas.

He makes the point that AFL players earn \$75,000 on average, but if you compare it to the big soccer players like Roberto Baggio (who earns \$75,000 to get out of bed), this figure seems petty.

You may seem to laugh at our average 4000 crowd but these soccer supporters have more passion for their game than your 30,000 crowds, and I feel with the right marketing attitude, soccer in Australia will leave your sport for peanuts.

This is evident by the rest of the world where soccer is the number one sport, and it is played in 180 countries.

How many countries is AFL played in Mr Torpy?

You may not seem to enjoy soccer because there is not much contact, but it just proves how much technique and brains you need to play soccer.

Not like AFL where meat heads run and bash each other for a ball that is out of shape.

You make the point that soccer players kiss each other when they are happy about an on-field event, and then go on to explain that this is close to sexual connotations.

But let me ask you this, if you kiss your mother, this is a sign of respect, not of sexual connotations and this is the same kiss soccer players give or receive.

Mark Imbriani, Fairfield. NSW.

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Spink in sparkling form

Morwell Falcons veteran Warren Spink is looking forward to turning back the clock when the Socceroos play New Zealand in next month's two-match trans-Tasman series.

The 29-year-old striker is certain to be called up for the games, along with Melbourne Knights' skipper Andrew Marth, when national coach Eddie Thomson picks his squad this week.

Spink played the first of his 22 full internationals in 1988 in Dunedin during the trans-Tasman series and has been in stunning form this season in the Ericsson Cup with four goals from as many games.

"I've been in and out of the Socceroo team for a while now but I'll be more than happy to get another chance. It would be good to be back in the fray," said Spink.

Thomson's squad will comprise totally of locally-based players and he is expected to play Spink as a dual striker.

Marth, who has been



Warren Spink: Hoping to add to his 22 Socceroo caps.

missing from the international scene for more than two years, is poised to be rewarded for his form in the national league this year. Spink's game has gone ahead

in leaps and bounds since coach Harry Bingham turned Morwell into an attacking unit when he took over the job late last season.

"Morwell had always been

a defensive team but Harry has changed the system and has got us taking a few more risks," Spink said.

Under Bingham, the Falcons won the last five games of the season to make their first playoffs and this season have become the frontrunners with 10 goals from four rounds.

Spink said he had endured one of his worst goal droughts before Bingham took control of the Latrobe Valley club.

"After missing the first eight matches of last season, I scored only four goals and most of those came under Harry," he said.

Although he has played at national level for more than 10 years, Spink believes he is only now starting to reach his peak.

The stocky goalsneak is a full-time player and works out by himself most days to complement his nightly training sessions with the Falcons. "It's all about what sort of condition you keep yourself in," he told AAP.

"You can be washed up at 27 if you don't look after yourself."



The opening game of the Ansett Challenge is in Christchurch on November 10 while Spink's favourite ground — the Newcastle Breakers stadium — will host the return leg on November 15.

Spink scored 29 goals in two seasons with Newcastle before his move to Morwell to be successive runner up on the league's scorers list behind Francis Awaritefe and then Mark Viduka.

The matches mark the start of Oceania's qualification series for the newly set up 1997 FIFA Inter-Continental Cup.

The winner of the trans-Tasman series will play either Tahiti or the Solomon Islands for the right to represent Oceania, who will be one of six teams in the 1997 Cup.

Goalkeeper Carter's brilliant debut

BY DANE SKAFTE

Breakers keeper Craig Carter has made a dream start in his National League debut this season. Twenty-six-old Carter has only played five games so far, but has been outstanding in most of his games.

Carter played in the NSW Super League for Blacktown City two years ago. That was the previous highest level he had played.

Last season he returned to Newcastle First Division club Highfields and guided them to victory in the competition.

Carter returned to the soccer field in 1992 after having one year off, in that time he concentrated on playing rugby league for Maitland in the Second Division competition in the Hunter Valley.

Craig has had plenty of support from his mum and dad and his wife Trish, during his soccer career which has had many ups and downs. The well spoken goalkeeper's main aim this season is to guide the Breakers to the semi-finals and to one day wear the green and gold of Australia.



Craig Carter: Performing well for Breakers.

Breakers coach John Kosmina has been having talks with several boxing trainers and martial arts experts over the past week.

Kosmina said: "I have been looking for some sort of cross training to keep the players fit and a different method of training".

Twenty-one year old midfielder Glenn Sprod looks certain to play for Newcastle this weekend, according to Breakers general manager Pat Clarke.

Clarke said: "We have already made an offer to Sprod's former club Parramatta, but so far they have declined us at this stage." Clarke was very tight lipped about the transfer fee but he did say that Newcastle would be paying half of that proposed, this will allow Sprod to be cleared for the match.

The rest of the money will be decided by the tribunal of Soccer Australia.

Newcastle will host an international soccer match on Wednesday November 15 between Australia and New Zealand at the Breakers Stadium.

The Ansett Challenge will be a two match series with the first game to be played in New Zealand on Friday, November 10.

The challenge is the first stage of Oceania's qualification series for the FIFA Inter-Continental Cup contested by all Confederation champions.

Novacastrians will come out in force to witness the International Challenge.

Don't be surprised to see a sell out match. Book your tickets early from the Breakers Stadium, so you don't miss out.

Strikers disappointed with Thomson



Eddie Thomson: Bypassed Bruce Stowell for advice on Sean Cranney.

BY GLENN DAVIS

Brisbane Strikers' management is expected to take up a matter over Olyroo selection protocol with national coach Eddie Thomson.

Thomson was quoted last week in Brisbane's Courier-Mail as having spoken to strikers' star signing Frank Farina about the recent form of Olyroo midfielder Sean Cranney.

Cranney was in dynamic form notching a double in the Strikers 5-0 drubbing over Newcastle Breakers at Suncorp Stadium recently.

Thomson also was quoted as saying he had known Farina for "donkeys years" and was happy to consult Farina regarding Cranney's form.

The Strikers were unimpressed that Thomson did not go through the

correct channels by speaking with coach Bruce Stowell first. They will discuss the matter directly with Thomson.

A club spokesperson said: "We're sure if Eddie was in Bruce's position he would feel likewise."

"The matter warrants nothing more than to discuss it directly with Eddie."

Meanwhile Farina has rejected overtures from Thomson to come out of international retirement.

"I'm quite happy with the club and the situation here," Farina told ABSW.

"The way I went out in the Ghana game and the dinner the ASF put on for me was tremendous."

"I don't see the point and I haven't got itchy feet as I'm still involved at the top level here."

Farina walked away from big money overseas this year to come home and



give something back to Australian soccer by playing out his career with Brisbane.

Farina was under no pressure from the Strikers to maintain his international retirement as Stowell gave him his full support if he wanted to change his mind.

"I know if he were playing in the national side it would only encourage other players from the club to strive for selection. It wouldn't do our players any harm because if Eddie (Thomson) was watching Frank's form he'd also be looking at the players around him."

Markovski signs up

BY JUSTIN BRASIER OF AAP

Socceroo striker John Markovski has set himself the ambitious target of 20 goals this season after signing a one-year contract with national league club Melbourne Knights.

Markovski said he would probably need one or two games to regain his touch after missing the first four rounds of the season but is confident he can be a force

for the Knights.

His move to the Knights comes after mulling over contract offers from Morwell and the Knights.

"I've been training four or five weeks so I don't think it will take me too long to get back into the swing of things," Markovski said.

Markovski's transfer is destined to go before Soccer Australia's appeals tribunal after Morwell rejected the reigning champion Knights' offer of \$10,000.

Morwell spent \$25,000 on



Markovski two years ago and were asking \$60,000 for him on the transfer market. The Knights will lodge a \$5000 deposit with Soccer Australia for the star, who is

free to play with the club while the tribunal determines a transfer fee.

Markovski began his senior soccer career as a 15-year-old with Sunshine George Cross and is returning for a second stint at the Knights.

He has also played with Preston and Marconi in the national league.

Markovski is confident that with the service of quality midfielders like Danny Tiatto, Andrew Marth and Mark Silic, he can

score a minimum 20 goals in the remaining 29 rounds.

Knights club secretary John Nekic said Markovski could prove just as valuable as Mark Viduka, the teenage scoring sensation he is replacing.

"You can see it at training, he's a class above the others," he said.

"Realistically he could be a long-term prospect. He's still only 25 and if he takes care of himself and is fair dinkum he could play for another three to five years."

WOLLONGONG

Young Billy has plenty of ambition

BY PHIL MURPHY

Billy Gjakovski is a young man with talent and ambition.

Just 18, Gjakovski has established himself as a regular in the Wolves defence but he is aiming higher.

"Young Billy," as he is known around Brandon Park, wants to play for Australia. "Maybe one day I might even gain a contract overseas," he said.

"That would be great and I am willing to work to achieve that."

Gjakovski started his career with Coniston juniors and only recently finished an eight-month stint at the Australian Institute of Sport.

He was recommended to AIS chief coach Ron Smith by former Wolves coach David Ratcliffe.

It was Ratcliffe who also selected the youngster for the last two league matches last year.

While Ratcliffe would have loved to have taken Gjakovski to UTS Olympic with him, new Wolves boss Berti Mariani knows he has a very talented young player on his hands.

Mariani is predicting a big future for Gjakovski. "Billy is a very good young player and has a good attitude towards the game," Mariani said.

"I have used him at right fullback and sweeper this season. He seems most effective in the sweeper role."

Gjakovski had played most of his football in midfield but is happy to play anywhere to be involved in the senior team.

"Being accepted at the AIS was a big break for me," he said.

"I believe my game improved a lot down there because we trained every day."

"The experience has made me a lot more comfortable and confident on the ball and I am very keen to do well for Wollongong."

During his time at the AIS, Gjakovski was in the squad which toured Argentina and Brazil.

He said they played seven games on tour and the biggest occasion was playing the Argentinian Under 20 side in front of 25,000 fans.

"That kind of experience really makes you hungry for more," Gjakovski said.

"We have some new faces in the Wolves team this season and I am sure we will do well despite our poor start."

"The players have been working very hard at training and we will start winning games."

Gjakovski wants to retain his spot in the Wollongong team and press claims for a place in the next Australian youth squad.

"The only way I can do that is play consistently well week in and week out," he said.

"Hopefully (coach) Les Scheinflug will give me a chance."



Midfielder Mineo Bonetig has been described as an enigma. He has been one of the most skilful players ever to graduate through the Wollongong junior ranks but has been plagued by injuries.

As a 15-year-old, he was brilliant and, as expected, it wasn't long before he was playing for the Wolves.

He showed brilliant ball control and vision in the centre of midfield but has probably played only half the number of national league games he should have.

Bonetig simply came up against one injury after the other.

At one stage, he was sidelined for 18 months with a pelvic problem.

He came back to partner Pedro Ricoy in the centre of the Wolves midfield and they formed a brilliant combination.

The experienced Ricoy has been around but rates Bonetig one of the best midfield partners he has played alongside.

Tomorrow night in Canberra, Bonetig could return to the national scene.

After recovering from a broken bone in a foot, he has had two youth league outings.

Coach Berti Mariani is ready to put him back into the senior side and that could be bad news for Cosmos.

ADELAIDE CITY

Perin blasts mercenary players

BY PETER KRUPKA

Adelaide City coach John Perin has blasted the National League players who used his club during its pre-season recruiting drive "to screw their clubs for more money."

The Zebras' boss said he was fed up going out of his way to attract players to Adelaide who never had any intention of leaving their own club but knew they could force their own market price up by getting an offer from Adelaide City.

He slammed Melbourne Knights' live wire Danny Tiatto who he said had no intentions of leaving Melbourne but "led City on" when it tried to recruit him earlier this year simply to force his price up.

"I feel sorry for the Knights for forcing them to pay him more money," Perin lamented.

A recent effort to recruit a striker and a midfielder from a Sydney National League



club ended in a similar way.

"These guys are just using us to try and screw their clubs for more money," he said.

"I wish the boys were honest and said — "Look, I want to get extra money from my club. Can I use your club to be the third party?"

"At least you know where you stand."

Despite a concerted recruiting effort the club failed to attract many new faces to the glamour club.

Heidelberg's Sasha Nedelkovic was the only player to cross the border to join the three time national league champions.

The winners of the national league fair play award have got off to a bad start with referees in the new National League season.

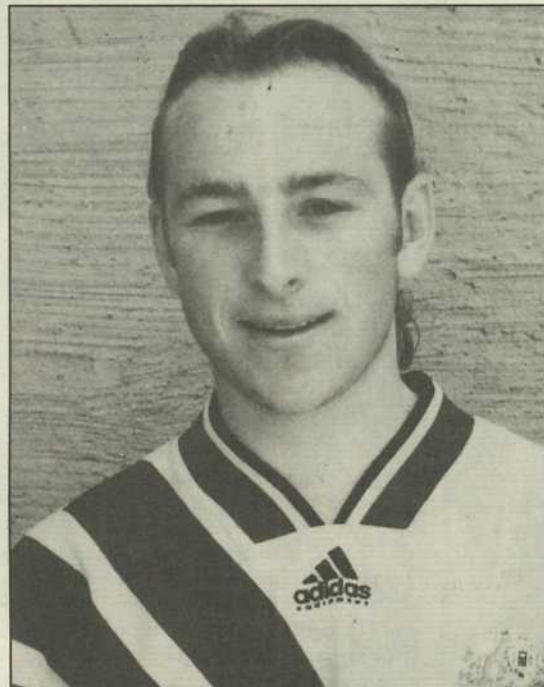
Five Adelaide City players were cautioned in the first month and Nedelkovic and Jamie Perin were both sent-off. The club's record was not the worst in the competition but unusual for a team with such a clean record.

While Perin said he was concerned by anything that affected the balance of his side, he criticised the referees for over reacting to what he considered legitimate player aggression.

"I really believe they are over reacting. I don't want it to be seen as slugging referees but they really are taking things too literally," he said.

Perin had some sympathy for the referees around the world who had to make decisions on the spur of the moment and were forced to follow FIFA rules.

However, he added, Australian soccer faced



Danny Tiatto: Slammed by Adelaide coach John Perin.

unique competition from aggressive football codes and it was important that soccer here was not being portrayed as too soft.

"Let's face it, soccer's a

contact sport. If you're competing with the likes of rugby and Australian Rules, you can't have people saying this is a wusses' game," he said.

WEST ADELAIDE

Nurtured players paying dividends

BY PETER KRUPKA

Like a happy gardener, West Adelaide coach Raul Blanco is delighted some of the young players he has nurtured through the ranks at the club have started to bloom into accomplished national league players.

Jim Tsekis, Richie Alagich and Frank Tibaldi, all members of the Olyroo squad, have started the A-League season well, filling the void in the Sharks line-up created by early season injuries to established players like Cyrille Ndongo-Keller, Jose Iriarte and George Haniotis.

Sharks new recruit Nathan Day was a revelation to many observers at Hindmarsh Stadium the night he played his first full national league game against Melbourne Knights.

Since taking over the club in 1992, Blanco has insisted the management and fans be patient and take time to develop youth at the club for the benefit of the long term future.

While it was still early in the season, Blanco acknowledged some of the work had begun to pay dividends.

"We're looking good," said Blanco. "Obviously they (the youngsters) give us depth."

"The slow work we did with the youth teams has



Jim Tsekis: Has impressed coach Raul Blanco.

paid off. The club should be congratulated for sticking to a policy and not changing or altering anything.

"The exciting thing is we have many more young players waiting in the wings and within a year or two a lot of other talent will come into the first team."

During his stay in South Australia, Blanco said he had been astounded by the number of top class young players the state had developed.

season was seen by more than 5,000.

The Sharks could blame Adelaide's bitterly cold night for the poor crowd at the Knight's game but when it was remembered the teams played out a brilliant draw last season, West officials would be upset by the gate takings.

This season the club will allow all children under 12 into matches free and has given all registered women soccer players a free



season pass in the hope more fans will come to watch the Sharks at home.

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ERICSSON CUP MATCH REPORTS



Strikers lose Farina and game



Frank Farina: Sent off in the 73rd minute.

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 2 BRISBANE STRIKERS 0

BY DWYGH TUFFNELL

Former Socceroo Frank Farina was controversially sent off as the Brisbane Strikers slumped to their third loss in four games 2-0 to Melbourne Knights on Sunday.

Farina was dismissed in the 73rd minute by referee Wayne Dade for an innocuous challenge on Knights skipper Andrew Marth which resulted in the Strikers star collecting a second yellow card.

He received his first in the 43rd minute for a foul on Knights defender Vinko Buljubasic.

Farina now faces an automatic suspension and must sit out the game on Wednesday with Sydney

United at Edensor Park.

Strikers coach Bruce Stowell said after the game, "Frank's obviously very upset, why shouldn't he be? He doesn't even know why he was sent off."

The loss of Farina for the crucial match with United could be a costly one as the Strikers look for their second win of the season.

"It's disappointing only winning one game out of four with a quality side that's just not firing at the moment" Stowell said.

The Strikers held the Knights well in the first half but conceded a goal just five minutes after the restart.

The tireless Danny Tiatto superbly beat Alan Hunter before supplying a cross for Lubo Lapsansky to tuck away past Bolton.

Substitute Damien Vojtek got the second seven minutes from time with a shot that deflected off Glenn Gwynne and rolled past the wrong-footed Bolton.

SCORERS:

Melbourne Knights: Lapsansky (50th), Vojtek (83rd).

YELLOW CARDS:

Melbourne Knights: Lapsansky (62nd), Buljubasic (79th). Brisbane Strikers: Zoricich (14th), Farina (43rd).

RED CARDS:

Brisbane Strikers: Farina (73rd). **POY:** 3 - Tiatto (Knights), 2 - Marth (Knights), 1 - S. Cranney (Strikers). **CROWD:** 3000. **REFEREE:** W. Dade.

New signing John Markovski came straight into the starting lineup and although he clearly lacked match fitness he reminded his new fans just what he is capable of when he let fly from 25 metres with a shot that just whistled past Clint Bolton's post.

"I was happy with the win being the first game

back with the club, I'll get a better understanding of the team as the season goes along" a satisfied Markovski said.

Another recent signing Ice Kutlesovski, who started the game brightly, was taken to hospital with a strained pancreas.

"We played an excellent game, especially in the second half" was Mirko Bazic's view of his teams win.

"We missed a couple of chances in the first half but scored two good goals in the second. Brisbane are a good team but we were the better team tonight."

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS: Juric, Buljubasic, De Amicis, D. Cervinski, Marth, Spiteri, Lapsansky, Kutlesovski (Vojtek 18th), Tiatto (Pelja 63rd), Kovacevic, J. Markovski.

BRISBANE STRIKERS: Bolton, Zoricich, Hunter, Farina, Polak, Brown, T. Cranney, S. Cranney, Brayshaw (Wright HT), Gwynne, Battistin.

Wolves gain first points

WOLLONGONG 2 SOUTH MELBOURNE 0

BY PHIL MURPHY

"**W**atch out for the Wolves" was the clear message from Brandon Park after a rejuvenated Wollongong City devoured South Melbourne 2-0 on Friday night.

Wollongong scored a goal in each half and answered their critics in the best possible way.

After losing their opening three games, Berti Mariani's team were quicker to the ball, far more committed and definitely more likely to score goals than South Melbourne.

In fact, the visitors had two excellent scoring chances through Craig Lewis and Steve Panopoulos in the opening 13 minutes but gave Wolves goalkeeper Brett Hughes little to worry about after that. The home team could easily have finished with four or five.

Lupcho Naumovski drew a fine save from South Melbourne goalkeeper Dean Anastasiadis and Stuart McLaren had struck the crossbar before Wollongong went ahead in the 33rd minute.

Sweeper Mike Petersen made a terrible mess of a back-header, Wolves striker Tony Perinich read the situation well and his finishing was perfect.

Five minutes into the second half, a superbly worked goal

SCORERS: Wollongong: Perinich (33rd), Luff (50th).

YELLOW CARDS:

McLaren (W), Forshaw (W), Petersen (SM). **RED CARDS:** Coveny (SM) 70min.

POY: 3 — Gjakovski (W), 2 — Petratos (W), 1 — Panopoulos (SM).

CROWD: 2,980. **REFEREE:** C. Diomis.

allowed Wollongong to go further ahead.

Angelo Petratos squared the ball to Naumovski, he knocked it towards Luff and the youngster celebrated his starting debut with a lob over the head of Anastasiadis into the net.

It was a disappointing return to Brandon Park for South Melbourne midfielder Vaughan Coveny.

The former Wollongong player was sent off midway through the second half after a tackle on Petratos.

Referee Con Diomis ruled Coveny had "trampled" on the Wollongong player.

South Melbourne coach Frank Arok said after the game he didn't get a good view of the incident but Coveny would be heavily fined if he had trampled on Petratos.

Arok said his team gave away two silly goals. "It takes an incredibly experienced team to come back from a situation like that," Arok said. "We do not have such a team at the moment."

"Last week we managed to

get a draw against Canberra after trailing by two goals. That was like Christmas and Christmas only comes once a year."

Wolves boss Berti Mariani wasn't getting carried away with the victory. He said he had felt it was coming. "We have been improving with every game," he said.

"That performance was 10 or 15 percent better than last week against Sydney United."

"We were focussed right through and created quite a few chances."

Eighteen-year-old Billy Gjakovski was outstanding at sweeper for Wollongong while midfielder Petratos gave glimpses of just what he is capable of.

Matt Horsley led his side well in the centre of midfield while Richard Lloyd gave an improved performance at the back.

Wollongong had no real weakness but one or two of the South Melbourne youngsters looked in need of guidance.

South Melbourne were best served by midfielder Panopoulos.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Hughes, Gjakovski, Petratos, Bourke, Forshaw, McLaren, Horsley, Naumovski (Bonetig 74), Perinich, Luff (Jolevski 82), Lloyd.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Anastasiadis, Kuzmanovich, Anthopoulos, Panopoulos, Coveny, Trimboli, Kelic, Sherifovski (Nikolic 70), Damianos (Mangos 61), Lewis, Petersen.

Cosmos not good enough

CANBERRA 2 UTS OLYMPIC 3

BY GRAHAM COOKE
THROUGH AAP

UTS Olympic's midfielder Norman Tome is getting a liking for Bruce Stadium in Canberra.

On Wednesday he scored in the Australian Olyroos 3-0 win over Japan. Last Saturday he popped up for an National League winner as his club team Olympic eased past Canberra Cosmos 3-2.

Tome said afterwards the last few days had been the best of his career.

"Getting a goal for your country is special, but it's always nice to get the winner," he said.

"I just hope it carries on from here."

Olympic should never had needed Tome's rescue act after dominating the first half but only scoring one controversial goal.

Branko Milosevic appeared to handle the ball in midfield before turning and sending a defence-splitting pass for Nick Meredith to crack past goalkeeper Steve Mautone.

The Cosmos defence was looking uncertain, and referee Simon Micallef gave it the benefit of the doubt after a tackle from Joe Galletti sent Tome sprawling inside the penalty area. Olympic appeared to have paid dearly for missed opportunities when it fell behind to a two goal Cosmos burst during a five minute spell early in the second half.

The first goal came out of nowhere, Tony Lemezina laying a

SCORERS:

Canberra: Kelly (52nd), Perinich (57th). Olympic: Meredith (30th), Augerinos (77th), Tome (85th).

YELLOW CARDS:

Canberra: Kelly (18th), Wade (69th), Perinich (81st). UTS Olympic: Meredith and Tome (61st).

POY: 3-Tome (UTS Olympic), 2-Bacak (UTS Olympic), 1-Kelly (Canberra). **CROWD:** 3920. **REFEREE:** S. Micallef

ball back from the edge of the penalty area to Norman Kelly in midfield.

The Irishman surprised everyone by letting loose with a fierce drive, none more than Olympic goalkeeper George Bouhoutsos who saw the ball beat him at the far post.

The Cosmos' second was bitterly disputed by the Sydney team, first for an apparent foul by Marko Perinovic on Bouhoutsos as the Cosmos striker charged in, forcing the goalkeeper to drop the ball on the line.

It was hacked away by a posse of Olympic defenders but not before referee Micallef had ruled the ball had crossed the line.

Olympic coach David Ratcliffe said afterwards the goal, which was credited to Perinovic, should never have stood.

"It was an assault on George," he said.

Canberra was unable to maintain the momentum and Olympic reasserted itself, scoring



Elias Augerinos: Super sub for Olympic

first through substitute Elias Augerinos and then, with five minutes left, Tome was in position for the winner.

Cosmos coach Mick Lyons said lack of organisation in defence had been at the heart of his teams loss.

"We were not quite good enough tonight," he said.

CANBERRA: Mautone, Dee, Galletti (Garcia 79th), Watson, Dunn, Wade, Kelly, Armstrong, Perinich, Hastie, Lemizina (Baxter 68th).

UTS OLYMPIC: Bouhoutsos, Barrett, Ciantar, Orlic, Tsekenis, Taliadoros (Sorras 79th), Tome, Milosevic (Ardone 68th), Meredith, Blagojevic, Bacak (Augerinos 68th).



ERICSSON CUP MATCH REPORTS

Breakers dump United

**SYDNEY UTD 1
NEWCASTLE 2**

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Newcastle Breakers despite suffering a 5-0 thrashing from Brisbane Strikers last week, showed enormous second half character to come back on the crest of a wave and shoot their first win in the National League. They downed Sydney United, which was previously unbeaten, on Sunday at Edensor Park by 2 goals to 1.

But the brave Breakers had to survive a most torrid last few minutes as United bombarded Newcastle's back-five of Adam Sanderson, Stevie Hickman, Andy Roberts, Ralphie Maier and Gary Wilson, with Wilson and Roberts outstanding whilst under seige, as the home side desperately battled to salvage valuable League points.

With seconds left till the bell, action-aplenty erupted as veteran centre-back Velimir

Kupresak's drive ricocheted off the left post. Even more disappointing, for United, was when Popovic raced in to hit the rebound only to watch in horror as his shot crashed onto the right post.

Breakers' boss, John Kosmina obviously a staunch believer in stability, in all five League matches to date has kicked-off with the same line-up despite the bath suffered last week in Queensland.

Thirteen minutes after coming on as a sub to replace the injured striker Jason Bennett in the 49th, Newcastle's midfielder Troy Halpin proved unlucky for United. The fresh Halpin burst down the right, veered into the box where he was eventually cleaned up by United's sweeper, Mark Babic, forcing referee Derek Crawford to award Newcastle a penalty. A most grateful David Lowe easily scored to lift the Breakers into a 2-1 lead.

The Breakers then had to survive a hostile comeback by United as striker David

SCORERS: United: Rudan (39th). Breakers: Bennett (34th), Lowe (62nd) Pen. **YELLOW CARDS:** United: M. Babic (62nd), S. Babic (90th) Breakers: Halpin (80th), Wilson (85th). **POY:** 3-G. Wilson (NB) 2-A.Roberts (NB) Newcastle 1 -T. Popovic (SU) **CROWD:** 3,625. **REFEREE:** D. Crawford

Zdrilic in the 68th minute fired from 22 metres an inswinger that dipped. It was not quite enough as the ball crashed onto the horizontal.

Newcastle cleaned up their act in the second half by greatly tightening up their passing to retain possession for much longer periods than they achieved in the first half, thus helping to starve and neutralise much of United's first half fury.

A surprisingly cool Kosmina after the match reflected: "Following last

week's debacle we showed a lot of spirit and I'm happy to get out of jail. Things went well for us this time and Lowie (David Lowe) did a great job upfront in holding up the ball. This time we were a lot more patient in the second half and we were able to hold them out."

An obviously disappointed United coach, Branko Culina, hit out with: "I feared this match all along as our preparation was greatly disrupted with no less than five of my players being drafted into the Olympic Games camp for Australia's two matches against Japan in Canberra. Our defence was terrible and our midfield was non-existent."

"Not only did we have five players out all last week with the Olympic camp but we have lost six players from last season which have all been hard to replace."

With striker Jason Bennett having to leave the pitch just four minutes into the second half injured, Kosmina was forced to push right midfielder David Lowe into the frontline

to link up with the lanky ball-playing Clayton Zane, but this makeshift tactic reaped dividends for the Breakers.

Ironically despite the fact that United held a huge advantage both territorially and on chances, the first session ended at 1-1 when in fact the home side should have built up a commanding 4-1 lead.

Former World Youth striker, Ante Milicic, in the space of just nine minutes could easily have nailed in a hat-trick.

As early as the sixth minute a Milicic drive from 16 metres screamed just above the top right angle and six minutes later the same player shaved the left post from 20 metres. In between in the 15th, following a free kick by cultured skipper, Tony Popovic, after a scramble inside the box Milicic rocked the cross bar with his lifting shot from close in.

Newcastle finally drew first blood in the 34th minute when the intelligent midfielder Lowe's on-target drive could only be parried by United's



Andy Roberts: Outstanding under United's seige.

keeper John Perosh allowing the lithe striker Bennett to slam the rebound into the frame. This is his third goal to date in the National League.

Six minutes before the break United 'balanced the books' when Milicic crossed from the left to find World Youth centre-back Mark Rudan on the back post to head strongly past goalkeeper Craig Carter.

A minute before the break United again threatened when international left midfielder Ante Moric dragged the ball

laterally across the field before unleashing a left footed blast on target but was denied by the Breakers' courageous goalkeeper Carter as he conceded a corner.

SYDNEY UTD: Perosh, Rudan, Kupresak, M. Babic, Bilokapic, Markovac, Enes (S.Babic 59th), Popovic, Moric, Zdrilic (Usalj 69th), Milicic.

NEWCASTLE: Carter, Sanderson, Hickman, Roberts, Maier, Wilson, Lowe, Sharpley, Brown (Sprod 59th), Bennett (Halpin 49th), Zane.

Zebras looking unstable in 2nd home loss

**ADELAIDE CITY 0
MARCONI 2**

BY PETER KRUPKA

Two second half goals by Sydney glamour club Marconi sent Adelaide City crashing to another national league loss at the Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday night.

The Zebras were rocked by brilliant goals to Marconi's new recruit Francis Awaritefe and Brad Maloney. It was the third consecutive defeat for last season's grand finalist and its second loss at home this season.

Awaritefe's goal came after an exceptional solo run from his own penalty area in which he shook five City defenders to break into an easy goal scoring position.

With only keeper Jason Petkovic to beat, the long striding striker tucked the ball confidently into the corner of the net 16 minutes from the final whistle.

Earlier Maloney capitalised on a defensive blunder to put the visitors into the lead.

Petkovic and City skipper Alex Tobin obstructed each other in an effort to clear the ball from a Marconi corner and only managed to present Maloney, who was unmarked at the top of the penalty area, a chance to fire the ball into the vacant net.

City had its chances but never looked likely to peg back the goals against a side which appeared more organised and settled. Bradley Hassell should have scored for the home side in the 60th minute when a fine cross from Goran Lozanovski was met

SCORERS: Marconi: Maloney (52nd), Awaritefe (70th) **YELLOW CARDS:** Adelaide: Nedeljkovic (23rd), Tobin (48th), Marconi: Maloney (30th), Climent (73rd), Iocca (86th), DeMarigny (86th) **POY:** 3-Maloney (Marconi), 2-Climent (Marconi), 1-Mori (Adelaide City) **CROWD:** 4866 **REFEREE:** E. Brazzale

by the unmarked striker on the edge of the box but his shot went over the crossbar.

The physical and entertaining match promised to be a goal feast in the early stages with City rookie Angelo Costanzo given a free header which he placed over the top.

Marconi replied soon after when Matthew Bingley used his head to flick on a corner to the back post where Awaritefe arrived but only managed to hit the upright.

City's usually strong defence looked shaky from set pieces and a lack of experience in midfield meant all forward moves lacked real penetration.

In the absence of the injured Joe Mullen and Craig Foster, the Zebras failed to find ways to break through the well managed Marconi defence.

City goal shark Damian Mori showed glimpses of his best but was constantly and visibly frustrated by his team's inability to feed him.

The win kept Marconi level with the leaders of the National



Brad Maloney: Man of the Match in Adelaide.

League table while City will need to re-group before it faces West Adelaide in next week's local derby which is sure to attract around 10,000 fans.

ADELAIDE CITY: Petkovic, Nedeljkovic, Amour, Ivanovic, Tobin, Talladira, Mori, Hassell (Yates 85th), Gibson, Lozanovski, Costanzo (Mennillo 77th).

MARCONI: Catlin, DeMarigny, Stanton, Bingley, Harper (Iocca 77th), Hristodoulou, Climent (Beltrame 85th), Maloney, Holst (Renaud 37th), Awaritefe, Souris.

Unfashionable Falcons stay top

**MORWELL 2
WEST
ADELAIDE 1**

BY CON STAVROS

West Adelaide coach Raul Blanco has joined the long list of Morwell admirers after his visiting Sharks were well beaten last Saturday evening.

"I thought our team played well and contributed a lot to the game, and if I was a supporter that is the kind of soccer I'd like to see," said Blanco in reference to the sparkling football of the Falcons.

In reality the visitors had little chance against the razzle-dazzle of the rejuvenated Falcons, despite an expectedly cautious approach.

"I think that ranks as one of our best performances of the season," said Morwell coach Harry Bingham after the victory that kept his side at the top of the table.

"They (West Adelaide) are a very good side and are well organised. This was a real test for us."

The Falcons took the lead almost midway through a lopsided first half, where the Sharks defence worked overtime to stem an avalanche of attacks.

Surprisingly the first Morwell goal came from a set-piece, with John Waddell flicking on a Sonny Sevin corner to Brian Bothwell who headed home.

That move sparked some adventure in the conservative Sharks, with their one and only shot on goal in the first half

SCORERS: Morwell: Bothwell (24th), Canosa (74th). West Adelaide: Tsekenis (67th). **YELLOW CARDS:** Morwell: Tapai (15th), Canosa (34th). West Adelaide: Slager (21st), Hooker (40th), Aloisi (60th). **POY:** 3 - Sevin (Morwell), 2 - Alagich (WA), 1 - Canosa (Morwell). **CROWD:** 3500. **REFEREE:** C. Naumcevski.

coming just seconds later with a shot from Pablo Cardozo.

The Sharks were significantly better in the second half, fashioning an equaliser in the 67th minute with a stunning fast break.

Goalkeeper Peter Blazincic went from last line of defence to first line of attack with a clever quick long clearance that allowed the speedy Jim Tsekenis to run onto the ball unguarded and fire past Jim Kourtis in the Morwell goal.

Tsekenis' third goal in as many matches looked likely to rattle the dominating Falcons, however the new born Morwell optimism was rewarded just seven minutes later when they reclaimed the lead.

Amazingly, the well drilled Sharks fell yet again to another corner kick, with their former defender Claudio Canosa outjumping everyone not once, but twice to head home the winner.

Canosa, who admits to fond memories of his time in Adelaide,

buried his old club by following up on his first header that was parried up in a reflex save by Blazincic.

Despite a minor flurry of activity by the visitors in the closing stages, the Falcons held tight, with their midfield led by the superb Sevin causing havoc to the end.

The appearance of Michael Reda as a substitute just added to the Morwell midfield dominance, although all the substitute attention was focussed on Morwell's new signing Bobby Despotovski and the return of the Sharks' Cyrille Ndongo-Keller.

Neither of the big strikers made the scoresheet, although both took plenty of touches and settled into the hectic pace of the match.

Morwell's goalscoring star Warren Spink was well held on the night by Con Kokkinopitis, although the pick of the Sharks was full-back Richard Alagich who tried desperately to spark some life in his side with an impressive display.

Spink aside, the secret to Morwell's success will be difficult to crack for opposition coaches this season with Brian Bothwell underrated, John Waddell playing as well as ever, Canosa towering in defence and Sevin, Marcus Stergiopoulos and Ernie Tapai combining to form the quickest midfield in the league.

MORWELL: Kourtis, Marcina, Canosa, Cummings, Miller, Tapai (Despotovski 77th), Sevin, Waddell, Bothwell, Stergiopoulos (Reda 70th), Spink.

WEST ADELAIDE: Blazincic, Alagich, Kokkinopitis, Slager, Hooker, Tibaldi, Cardozo, Aloisi, Brazzale (Ndongo-Keller 65th), Tsekenis, Day.

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Newcastle Breakers v Melbourne Knights



Friday,
November 3

**BREAKERS
STADIUM**



NEWCASTLE	Pos	Gms	GLS	YC
		() RES		() RC
Craig Carter	G	5 (0)	0	1 (0)
Adam Fittock	G	0 (1)	0	0 (0)
Adam Sanderson	D	5 (0)	0	1 (0)
Steve Hickman	D	5 (0)	0	1 (0)
Ralph Maier	D	5 (0)	0	1 (0)
Shane Pryce	D	0 (1)	0	0 (0)
Andy Roberts	D	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Glen Sprod	D	0 (1)	0	0 (0)
Gary Wilson	M	5 (0)	0	2 (0)
Craig Sharpley	M	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Damian Brown	M	5 (0)	1	0 (0)
Troy Halpin	M	0 (3)	0	1 (0)
Scott Thomas	M	0 (2)	0	0 (0)
Jason Bennett	S	5 (0)	3	0 (0)
David Lowe	S	5 (0)	1	2 (0)
Clayton Zane	S	5 (0)	0	1 (0)

Head to Head: Level 3-0-3, Goals (MK 15-11)
Newcastle at home: 2-0-1, Goals (7-4)

RECORD

NEWCASTLE

Record Score: 4-1 (H)
1991-1992.
'95-'96 RECORD
At home: 0-2-0

KNIGHTS

Record Score: 6-0 (H)
1991-1992.
LAST 5 MATCHES
Away: 1-2-2

KNIGHTS	Pos	Gms	GLS	YC
		() RES		() RC
Frank Juric	G	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Vinko Buljubasic	D	3 (0)	0	2 (0)
Zoran Markovski	D	2 (0)	0	0 (0)
David Cervinski	D	5 (0)	0	1 (0)
Fausto De Amicis	D	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Ante Kovacevic	D	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Andrew Marth	D	5 (0)	1	0 (0)
Lubo Lapsansky	M	5 (0)	1	2 (0)
Idriz Pelia	M	0 (2)	0	0 (0)
Mark Silic	M	4 (0)	0	0 (0)
Danny Tiatto	M	5 (0)	0	1 (0)
Damian Vojtek	M	1 (2)	1	0 (0)
Ice Kutlesovski	S	2 (1)	1	0 (0)
John Markovski	S	1 (0)	0	0 (0)
Ollie Pondeljak	S	2 (0)	0	0 (0)
Joe Spiteri	S	5 (0)	1	2 (0)

ABSWS TIPS

- (9) Alistair Russell: Newcastle
- (9) John Economos: Newcastle
- (10) Greg Blake: Knights
- (10) Con Stavros: Knights
- (8) Bob Brooks: Knights

Brisbane Strikers v Morwell Falcons



Saturday,
November 4

**SUNCORP
STADIUM**



BRISBANE	Pos	Gms	GLS	YC
		() RES		() RC
Clint Bolton	G	4 (0)	0	0 (0)
Andrew Brayshaw	D	2 (0)	0	0 (0)
Glen Gwynne	D	2 (0)	0	0 (0)
Alan Hunter	D	4 (0)	0	0 (0)
Steve Jackson	D	2 (0)	0	0 (0)
Chris Zoricich	D	4 (0)	0	2 (0)
Craig Williams	D	0 (2)	0	0 (0)
Mark Battistin	D	4 (0)	1	1 (0)
Sean Cranney	M	4 (0)	2	1 (0)
Troy Cranney	M	4 (0)	0	0 (0)
Jason Polak	M	4 (0)	0	0 (0)
Danny Wright	M	2 (1)	0	1 (0)
Rod Brown	S	4 (0)	1	0 (0)
Frank Farina	S	4 (0)	2	1 (1)
Chris Slater	S	0 (2)	0	0 (0)

Head to Head: Brisbane 2-3-1, Goals (10-7)
Brisbane at home: 2-1-0, Goals (8-1)

RECORD

BRISBANE

Record Score: 4-0 (H)
1993-1994.
LAST 5 MATCHES
At home: 3-0-2

MORWELL

Record Score: 5-1 (H)
1994-1995.
LAST 5 MATCHES
Away: 3-1-1

MORWELL	Pos	Gms	GLS	YC
		() RES		() RC
Jim Kourtis	G	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Claudio Canosa	D	5 (0)	1	3 (0)
Andy Cummings	D	3 (0)	0	0 (0)
Justin Geri	D	1 (1)	0	0 (0)
Scott Miller	D	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Doug Marcina	D	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
John Waddell	D	5 (0)	1	1 (0)
James Alesi	M	0 (1)	0	0 (0)
Sonny Sevin	M	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Marc Stergiopoulos	M	5 (0)	1	1 (0)
Ernie Tapai	M	5 (0)	1	2 (0)
Zoran Todorovski	M	0 (2)	0	0 (0)
Brian Bothwell	S	4 (0)	2	0 (0)
Rob Despotovski	S	0 (1)	0	0 (0)
Michael Reda	S	2 (3)	2	0 (0)
Warren Spink	S	5 (0)	4	1 (0)
Carlo Villani	S	0 (2)	0	0 (0)

ABSWS TIPS

- (9) Alistair Russell: Morwell
- (9) John Economos: Morwell
- (10) Greg Blake: Brisbane
- (10) Con Stavros: Brisbane
- (8) Bob Brooks: Brisbane

Marconi Fairfield v Canberra Cosmos



Saturday,
November 4

**MARCONI
STADIUM**



MARCONI	Pos	Gms	GLS	YC
		() RES		() RC
Bob Catlin	G	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Luke Casserley	D	1 (0)	0	1 (0)
J P De Marigny	D	5 (0)	0	2 (0)
Aaron Holst	D	4 (1)	0	0 (0)
Darren Iocca	D	1 (4)	0	2 (0)
Paul Souris	D	4 (0)	0	0 (0)
Robert Stanton	D	5 (0)	0	1 (0)
Paul Beltrame	M	3 (2)	0	1 (0)
Matt Bingley	M	5 (0)	1	0 (0)
Ramon Climent	M	1 (2)	0	1 (0)
Eric Hristodoulou	M	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Brad Maloney	M	5 (0)	2	1 (0)
Andrew Ravanello	M	0 (1)	0	1 (0)
Brendan Renaud	M	1 (1)	0	0 (0)
Andy Harper	S	5 (0)	3	1 (0)
Francis Awaritefe	S	5 (0)	3	0 (0)

Head to Head: N/A
Marconi at home: N/A

RECORD

MARCONI

Record Score: N/A
LAST 5 MATCHES
At home: 2-2-1

CANBERRA

Record Score: N/A
'95-'96 RECORD
Away: 0-1-1

CANBERRA	Pos	Gms	GLS	YC
		() RES		() RC
Steve Mautone	G	1 (0)	0	0 (0)
Danny Milosevic	G	3 (0)	0	0 (0)
Jim Baxter	D	3 (1)	0	1 (0)
Richard Watson	D	4 (0)	0	0 (0)
Jason Dunn	D	4 (0)	1	1 (0)
Joe Galletti	D	4 (0)	0	2 (0)
Norman Kelly	D	1 (0)	1	1 (0)
Arsenije Popovich	M	1 (0)	0	0 (0)
Paul Dee	M	4 (0)	1	0 (0)
Willie Hastie	M	3 (0)	0	1 (0)
Paul McVitie	M	1 (0)	0	0 (0)
Michael Musitano	M	0 (1)	0	0 (0)
Paul Wade	M	4 (0)	0	1 (0)
Lachlan Armstrong	S	3 (0)	0	1 (1)
Michael Garcia	S	3 (1)	0	0 (0)
Tony Lemezina	S	2 (0)	0	0 (0)
Marko Perinovic	S	3 (0)	1	3 (0)

ABSWS TIPS

- (9) Alistair Russell: Marconi
- (9) John Economos: Canberra
- (10) Greg Blake: Marconi
- (10) Con Stavros: Marconi
- (8) Bob Brooks: Marconi

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South Melbourne v Sydney United



Sunday,
November 5
**OLYMPIC
PARK**



SOUTHS	Pos	GMS	GLS	YC
		() RES		() RC
Dean Anastasiadis	G	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Con Anthopoulos	D	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Steve Mangos	D	2 (3)	1	0 (0)
Alex Kuzmanovic	D	5 (0)	0	3 (0)
Nick Papadopoulos	D	2 (0)	0	0 (0)
Paul Trimboli	M	5 (0)	1	1 (0)
Tansel Baser	M	1 (1)	0	0 (0)
Bill Damianos	M	2 (2)	1	0 (0)
Sasa Nikolic	M	4 (1)	0	0 (0)
Steve Panopoulos	M	3 (0)	1	1 (0)
Mike Petersen	M	5 (0)	0	2 (0)
Vaughan Coveny	S	5 (0)	0	0 (1)
Michael Curcija	S	0 (1)	0	0 (0)
Ivan Kelic	S	5 (0)	1	1 (0)
Craig Lewis	S	2 (2)	0	1 (0)
Agim Sherifovski	S	4 (0)	0	1 (0)

Head to Head: Syd Utd 8-3-7, Goals (20-24)
Souths at home: 4-2-3, Goals (11-7)

RECORD

SOUTHS	SYDNEY UTD
Record Score: 4-0 (H) 1989-1990. LAST 5 MATCHES At home: 2-2-1	Record Score: 3-1 (H) 1989-1990. LAST 5 MATCHES Away: 4-1-0

SYD UTD	Pos	GMS	GLS	YC
		() RES		() RC
John Perosh	G	4 (0)	0	0 (0)
Mark Babic	D	4 (0)	0	1 (0)
Paul Bilokapic	D	4 (0)	0	1 (0)
Velimir Kupresak	D	4 (0)	0	1 (0)
Tony Popovic	D	2 (0)	0	1 (0)
Mark Rudan	D	4 (0)	1	1 (0)
Robert Enes	M	4 (0)	0	0 (0)
Ante Moric	M	4 (0)	0	0 (0)
Robert Trajkovski	M	3 (0)	0	1 (0)
Robert Markovac	M	1 (2)	0	0 (0)
Dominic Usalj	M	2 (2)	0	0 (0)
Sean Babic	S	1 (3)	1	2 (0)
Ante Milicic	S	4 (0)	0	0 (0)
David Zdrilic	S	3 (1)	0	1 (0)

ABSW TIPS

- (9) Alistair Russell: Souths
(9) John Economos: Syd Utd
(10) Greg Blake: Souths
(10) Con Stavros: Syd Utd
(8) Bob Brooks: Souths

UTS Olympic v Wollongong City



Sunday,
November 5
**LEICHHARDT
OVAL**



OLYMPIC	Pos	GMS	GLS	YC
		() RES		() RC
George Bouhoutsos	G	1 (0)	0	0 (0)
Mike Gibson	G	4 (0)	0	0 (0)
Dave Barrett	D	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Milan Blagojevic	D	5 (0)	0	1 (0)
Adam Ciantar	D	5 (0)	1	0 (0)
Nick Meredith	D	2 (1)	1	2 (0)
Nick Orlic	D	5 (0)	0	1 (0)
George Sorras	D	3 (2)	0	2 (0)
Walter Ardone	M	0 (2)	0	0 (0)
Elias Augerinos	M	1 (3)	2	0 (0)
Branko Milosevic	M	2 (1)	0	0 (0)
Kris Trajanovski	M	4 (0)	2	0 (0)
Peter Tsekenis	M	5 (0)	1	0 (0)
Norman Tome	S	5 (0)	1	3 (0)
Kim Taliadoros	S	5 (0)	1	0 (0)
Joe Bacak	S	3 (2)	0	1 (0)

Head to Head: Olympic 15-6-7, Goals (45-29)
Olympic at home: 10-1-3, Goals (26-11)

RECORD

OLYMPIC	WOLVES
Record Score: 4-0 (H) 1994-1995. LAST 5 MATCHES At home: 5-0-0	Record Score: 4-1 (H) 1994-1995. LAST 5 MATCHES Away: 1-0-4

WOLVES	Pos	GMS	GLS	YC
		() RES		() RC
Brett Hughes	G	4 (0)	0	1 (0)
Martin Bourke	D	4 (0)	0	0 (0)
Steve Forshaw	D	2 (0)	0	2 (0)
Bill Gjakovski	D	4 (0)	0	1 (0)
George Jolevski	D	2 (1)	0	1 (1)
Richard Lloyd	D	4 (0)	0	0 (0)
Mineo Bonetig	M	0 (1)	0	0 (0)
Claudio Cellini	M	2 (0)	0	0 (0)
Pedro Ricoy	M	3 (0)	0	2 (1)
Matt Horsley	M	3 (0)	0	0 (0)
Lupco Naumovski	M	4 (0)	0	0 (0)
Angelo Petratos	M	2 (1)	0	0 (0)
Colin Luff	S	1 (1)	1	0 (0)
Tony Perinich	S	4 (0)	2	1 (0)
Stuart McClaren	S	3 (1)	0	1 (0)
Rob Middleby	S	2 (1)	0	0 (1)

ABSW TIPS

- (9) Alistair Russell: Olympic
(9) John Economos: Olympic
(10) Greg Blake: Olympic
(10) Con Stavros: Olympic
(8) Bob Brooks: Olympic

West Adelaide v Adelaide City



Sunday,
November 5
**HINDMARSH
STADIUM**



WEST AD	Pos	GMS	GLS	YC
		() RES		() RC
Peter Blazincic	G	5 (0)	0	1 (0)
Robbie Hooker	D	5 (0)	1	1 (0)
Rechat Mezensof	D	0 (2)	0	0 (0)
Con Kokkinoplitis	D	5 (0)	0	1 (0)
Frank Tibaldi	D	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Robbie Slager	D	5 (0)	0	2 (0)
Richie Alagich	M	5 (0)	0	1 (0)
Ross Aloisi	M	5 (0)	0	1 (0)
Ayrton Andrioli	M	0 (1)	0	1 (0)
Jim Keramidas	M	0 (1)	0	0 (0)
Mark Brazzale	M	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Pablo Cardozo	M	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Jim Tsekinis	S	5 (0)	3	0 (0)
Jose Iriarte	S	3 (0)	0	2 (0)
C Ndongo-Keller	S	0 (1)	0	0 (0)
Nathan Day	U	2 (2)	0	1 (0)

Head to Head: Ad City 21-3-8, Goals (58-28)
West Ad at home: 6-1-11, Goals (17-29)

RECORD

WEST ADELAIDE	ADELAIDE CITY
Record Score: 2-0 (H) 1993-1994. LAST 5 MATCHES At home: 1-2-2	Record Score: 4-0 (H) 1993-1994. LAST 5 MATCHES Away: 3-0-2

AD CITY	Pos	GMS	GLS	YC
		() RES		() RC
Jason Petkovic	G	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Milan Ivanovic	D	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Sasha Nedeljkovic	D	4 (0)	0	3 (1)
Alex Tobin	D	5 (0)	0	1 (0)
Brad Armour	D	5 (0)	0	1 (0)
Mark Yates	D	1 (2)	0	0 (0)
Angelo Costanzo	M	2 (3)	0	0 (0)
Craig Foster	M	2 (0)	0	0 (0)
John Gibson	M	5 (0)	0	1 (0)
Goran Lozanovski	M	5 (0)	0	0 (0)
Dino Mennillo	M	0 (3)	0	0 (0)
Jamie Perin	M	3 (0)	0	0 (1)
Carlo Talladira	M	2 (1)	0	0 (0)
Brad Hassell	S	5 (0)	1	0 (0)
Damian Mori	S	5 (0)	4	1 (0)
Kosta Salapasis	U	1 (1)	0	0 (0)

ABSW TIPS

- (9) Alistair Russell: Ad City
(9) John Economos: Ad City
(10) Greg Blake: Ad City
(10) Con Stavros: Ad City
(8) Bob Brooks: West Ad

ARENA SET TO MAKE NATIONAL LEAGUE HISTORY

It came as no surprise when former Perth SC and Perth Kangaroo coach Gary Marocchi, was selected by Arena Investments to lead Perth's first team into the national competition next year. The announcement was made at a press conference last Friday morning at Soccer Headquarters.

But Arena also revealed that they have been having talks with the Burswood Resort Casino about playing their home games indoors in the 11,000 capacity Burswood Dome complex. Arena spokesman Paul Afkos said they are very keen on the indoor move, although it isn't expected to happen for at least three years, and will be looking to emulate the indoor arenas used in USA 94, which utilised natural turf on large transportable interlocking hexagonal tiles.

Marocchi's knowledge of the local and NSL scene, together with his recent

successes as a coach, had placed the 40 year old former Soccerroo skipper as the odds-on favourite.

"I am very pleased they (Arena) have gone for a local, rather than risk using someone from out of the state," said Marocchi who signed for a three year term.

He said the position is part-time, but the situation may change depending how things pan out. And it is believed Marocchi will be starting his recruitment campaign as early as next week.

"I will be targeting only those players who will be fully committed to the side," he said.

"And I don't believe in incorporating youth and experience, my philosophy is either you are a good player or a bad one." Marocchi hopes to have an Under 19 side up and running as soon as feasible, to help with producing future senior players. There was a strong interest for the coaching position, with entries coming in from the East from seasoned coaches such as Women's National coach Tom Sermanni and Rale Rasic, together with others from Europe and Asia.

Meanwhile, to date, there have been more than 750 entries received in response to an Arena competition asking for a team name. The announcement will be made together with the colours, at the official launch in early December.

GIANTS MAY JOIN SOCCER FEAST

Four time World champions Brazil and twice winners Argentina, could be on the main course of the Soccer Administration of WA centenary celebrations menu next year. Negotiations are currently under way to have the two countries play each other in an exhibition match.

It is reported that Brazil have been offered more than half a million dollars to play a series of games down under, but it is not known what deal Argentina were given.

"We are looking to make 1996 something to remember, and together with our entry into the National League it would be exceptional if we can also get two of the world's soccer giants to play on our

FAIREST & BEST WINNER 1995		
1. Jason Ainsley	Inglewood Falcons	27 votes
2. Peter Murphy	Swan IC	15 on countback
3. Alan MacKenzie	Fremantle City	15

GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR
Robbie ZabicaSpearwood Dalmatinac

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
Joe VazFremantle City

TOP GOALSCORER OF THE YEAR
Peter MurphySwan IC

doorstep," said SAWA President Lou Ricci.

Perth has only hosted two full internationals. In June this year, the Soccerroos took on Ghana at the WACA ground, while in 1975 Australia played Russia at Perry Lakes Stadium.

Soccer Australia chairman David Hill is fully aware of the void in the WA international calendar, but has assured local officials that he will now be considering Perth more for future tours. Ricci announced that Soccer Australia is also attempting to entice Sweden, Russia and Uruguay to venture down under next year, and would be putting his hand up for a visit from any of them.

The President also indicated that SAWA have been having their own private talks with a promoter regarding teams from Europe, but has refused to divulge their identity. One of them however, is rumoured to be a leading club from Italy's Serie A.

AINSLEY WINS MEDAL BY A STREET

State and Inglewood Falcons dynamic midfielder Jason Ainsley followed up last weeks D'Orsonga Cup Final best player medal, by easily winning the Professional Soccer Federation Fairest & Best Medal at a packed Heritage

Reception Centre last Friday night. The 25-year-old former Hartlepool player won with 27 votes. This was a massive 12 points clear of Swan IC striker Peter Murphy who came runner-up on a count-back over Fremantle City striker Alan MacKenzie who had also finished on 15 votes.

Not since 1986 when Spearwood Dalmatinac's Kenny Lowe (now at Birmingham City) clinched the medal by 10 points, had there been such a runaway victory in the State's most prestigious individual soccer award. Ainsley was not at the presentation, because he was already back in England hoping to try out with premier league club Middlesbrough.

Former Soccerroo goalkeeper Robbie Zabica capped off an impressive return to Western Australian soccer by winning the goalkeeper of the year award, in addition to the Afkos Industries/Radio 6NR Player of the Year medallion.

Murphy was the seasons top goalscorer, and promising Fremantle City youngster Joe Vaz was chosen as the Rookie of the Year.

BAYSWATER & PANTHERS UNITED

Italian backed clubs Bayswater City and Stirling Panthers have agreed to merge and will be known as Bayswater Panthers in time for next season.

It will be a second name change for Bayswater in as many seasons, and 14 years since Bayswater United merged with Meazza and Rosemount Juventus to become Bayswater Inter.

"Our aim is to form one strong organisation, and I believe this is the way to go for many of Perth's clubs, which in turn will create a strong competition," said Bayswater president Vince Versacci.

Versacci has also announced \$1million plans to upgrade Bayswater Oval in an effort to woo Arena Investments into using their facilities for Perth's National League games next year, with the assistance of the local shire and state government.

The plan includes floodlight improvement to television standards, extra seating in front of the main stand and modifications to the change-rooms.

Rise in standards of stadia

BY BOB BROOKS

Grounds, where the foremost soccer competition in Australia are played, have substantially risen in standard for this season.

The level of spectator comfort continues to go up with the provision of private boxes an absolute necessity and a prime requirement.

Sydney United provide 1500 covered seats in their new stand. Their one regret is that they only installed 12 boxes. If they had more they would be taken, and that would mean more sponsorship dollars.

In 1977 when the initial national competition, of any sport in Australia kicked off, it was soccer, or the World Game, that led the way.

However spectator facilities were spartan.

Some grounds didn't have any seats at all. Night games were impossible to play because there were certainly no floodlights.

Until very recent times cars could park within the perimeter of certain grounds. The occupants could watch the game from their safety capsule.

If it rained everyone got wet. Press boxes had not even been thought of.

In the 70s Australian players stayed at home. Playing standards were ordinary. Skill levels were low. The Australian game was much more physical in nature.

1995 will prove to be a watershed in the game, of that there is little doubt.

GROUND CHANGING

The metamorphosis of

grounds into stadia is in full swing. In some cases it involves a move to a different location, like Brisbane Strikers. Others see new facilities being built in Melbourne for Souths.

Newcastle and Canberra bring a new perspective and

emerging facilities. Other grounds have been and continue to be upgraded. Things are moving in a very positive direction.

Past impressions and perceptions of the uncommitted person or the travelling spectator need to

be changed towards the National League stadia. Let us look at the grounds and some of their vital statistics. (See above).

QUANTUM LEAP

In summary all grounds have adequate floodlights. Covered seating varies from

800 to 7000 but in all cases it is growing. All grounds have private boxes or VIP viewing and dining areas. Press facilities range from adequate to outstanding.

It is always arguable about playing standards. There is no debate that there has been

a quantum leap since 1977. Over eighty players who at some time or other have plied their skills in the original nation — wide competition, are now earning their living from the game overseas.

It is certain that improved

spectator facilities encourage larger crowds. For instance Brisbane are anticipating up to 15,000 fans at some of their games this season.

Grounds are becoming stadia and that can only be to the betterment of this great game.

WHAT'S ON OFFER...

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

Ground: Croatian Sports Centre
N. Sunshine, Vic
(western suburb of Melbourne)
Boxes: 2
Seats covered: 3000
Uncovered: Terracing awaiting seating
Capacity: 15,000
Lights: 1200 lux (colour TV standard)

ADELAIDE CITY & WEST ADELAIDE

Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium
Hindmarsh, North Adelaide
Boxes: 8
Seats covered: 1200
Uncovered: 5800
Capacity: Planned 25,000 all-seater 1998
Lights: Colour TV

SYDNEY UNITED

Ground: Edensor Park
also name of suburb
(in west of Sydney conurbation)
Boxes: 12
Seats covered: 1500
Uncovered: 3000
Capacity: 12,000
Lights: Colour TV

UTS OLYMPIC

Ground: Leichhardt Oval
(15 minutes by road from Sydney CBD)
Boxes: 12 and VIP Area
Seats covered: 2000
Uncovered: 3000
Capacity: 20,000
Lights: Colour TV

MARCONI FAIRFIELD

Ground: Marconi Stadium
Bossley Park, Fairfield, NSW
(western part of Sydney conurbation)
Boxes: 20
Seats covered: 1300
Uncovered: 1000
Capacity: 12,000
Lights: Colour TV

CANBERRA COSMOS

Ground: Bruce Stadium
Bruce, ACT
(north side of Canberra next to AIS)
Boxes: 32
Seats covered: 7000
Uncovered: 4000
Capacity: 25,000
Lights: 1800 lux (used for floodlit cricket)

BRISBANE STRIKERS

Ground: Suncorp Stadium (formerly Lang Pk)
Milton, Brisbane
(10 mins walk from CBD)
Boxes: 26 airconditioned: 76 open: 20 Super Suites
Seats Covered: 15,000
Uncovered: 12,000
Capacity: 42,000
Lights: 1800 lux

WOLLONGONG CITY

Ground: Brandon Park, North Wollongong
(five minutes from Wollongong CBD)
Boxes: 14
Seats covered: 3500
Uncovered: 500
Capacity: 25,000
Lights: Colour TV

MORWELL FALCONS

Ground: Morwell Falcons Park
Morwell, Vic
(140 kms east of Melbourne in Latrobe Valley)
Boxes: VIP Room and Box for 100
Seats covered: 2,000
Uncovered: -
Capacity: 10,000
Lights: Colour TV

SOUTH MELBOURNE

Ground: Lakeside Soccer Stadium
Cnr Albert Rd and Auty Drive,
South Melbourne
Note: Albert Park Grand Prix
Circuit viewed from Stadium
Boxes: 6 (with VIP entertaining area
for 600 seated)

Seats covered: 2000
Uncovered: 1000
Capacity: 20,000 for 2000 Olympic
Lights: Colour TV

NEWCASTLE BREAKERS

Ground: Austral Park
Birmingham Gardens
(fifteen minutes by road from
Newcastle CBD)
Boxes: 22
Seats covered: 800
Uncovered: 2500
Capacity: 20,000
Lights: Colour TV

Australian Masters Games

Grand Final Over-45s



FAIRFAX LEGENDS: Comfortably won the Over-45s Grand Final against the Juventus Old Boys 6-2. In the side were 1974 World Cup heroes Jim McKay and Jim Rooney.



JUVENTUS OLD BOYS: Lost the final 6-2. The team has been together for about 20 years and consist of Brunswick Juventus players of the 1950s and 60s.

— PHOTOS BY LIAM HANDASDE —

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

BY GUEST COLUMNIST
DR. PETER BAYLISS

A rose by any other name is still a rose: Shakespeare. Should ethnic names be used? Before giving an opinion, let us assemble the facts.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

The game in England starts as a kick about probably in 13th or 14th century.

When clubs were starting to be formed in the 1860s they formed an Association so they could belong to an organising body.

Hence the name. As other teams were formed around the world the names Association football are in their governing body's titles. eg. 'Central Queensland British Football Association', formed prior to 1895. Also 'Southern British Football Association' NSW about 1890.

The game in England is originally known as association football; however, as time passed the word "association" has been dropped. The term soccer appears to be derived as a shortened corrupt version of the word "association".

Football: The term "football" means different sports in different places. It means American rules gridiron in USA, Canadian rules gridiron in Canada, football in England, rugby union in New Zealand, rugby league in NSW., Australian rules in Victoria, and Gaelic football in Ireland.



AUSTRALIA

In order to differentiate the World Game, the name 'soccer' is generally used. Aussie Rules and Rugby League captured the term football when they became the dominate winter codes in their respective areas of Australia in the 1930s and 40s.

They have maintained their position in the mass media, despite the overwhelming number of people playing soccer in Australia.

ETHNIC NAMES

Team names: Examples in foreign countries are as follows: Corinthians (English gentlemen) and Juventude in the Sao Paulo league, Brazil; Newell's Old Boys in Argentina; Young Boys in Bern, Switzerland; Vienna in Austria rather than the German spelling of Wien; and Milan and Genoa rather than the Italian spelling of Milano and Genova respectively.

Juventus, Inter Milan and Bologna use FC rather than the Italian AC. Hellas Verona is a Greek name in Italy.

Shirts: The black and white striped shirt was originally worn by Notts County, England, which was formed in 1863. Juventus and probably Newcastle United are copy cats.

Ethnic groups: There

are probably over 100 ethnic groups in Melbourne and Sydney. Therefore, only a small proportion of ethnic groups could have a team at the highest level.

NICKNAMES

The North American standard for each sporting team is to have a geographic name and a nickname. For instance, Edmonton Oilers (ice hockey), Edmonton Eskimos (Canadian football), Edmonton Trappers (baseball), and Edmonton Brickmen (soccer). Note that brickmen is a furniture company! English teams also have nicknames such as Manchester United (Red Devils) and Arsenal (Gunners), but are not used in formal publications. Why?

A POPULAR ENGLISH RUGBY UNION SAYING IN ENGLAND IS...

Rugby is a ruffian's game played by gentlemen, and soccer is a gentlemen's game played by ruffians. Therefore, formal club names are used to improve the image of the game. Australia has a different marketing problem compared to England.

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Although many acronyms are used in a modern society, few people can give the meaning of an acronym. The main ones in use are SC, FC, and AC. Did you the soccer fan recognise these names immediately? Melbourne FC is a difficult name to recognise. Therefore, the

use of acronyms should be avoided. One Sydney newspaper used the abbreviation "B'town" for both Bankstown and Blacktown; two teams playing in the same division.

PRE-FEDERATION

Before 1957, the game was essentially Anglo-Australian based upon district names without ethnic teams in the highest division. North Shore was retained, whereas Prague and Sydney Austral were rejected in Sydney.

In 1957, the Federation split away (the fourth split in NSW soccer history) from the Australian Soccer Association (still exists in NSW) to form a league with many teams that have ethnic names. 1995 appears to be the year of the change from ethnic teams to regional teams.

PRESENT NAMES

How do the teams meet the North American criteria: a geographic name and a nickname?

Adelaide City Zebras
West Adelaide Sharks
Melbourne Knights
South Melbourne Blues
Canberra Cosmos
Wollongong Wolves
Sydney Olympic
Sydney United Crows
Marconi Fairfield Stallions
Newcastle Breakers
Brisbane Strikers

The four longest names (20 to 26 characters) have three words compared to te shorter names (13 to 17 characters) with two words. By dropping such extra words as "City", "West", "South", "Crows", and "Fairfield"; all names would be reduced to 17 characters: a bonus for newspaper columns.

WORD ORDER

First, there was Soccer NSW now, there is Soccer Australia. What do these titles do?

Firstly, they leave out useless words like "Federation", "Association", "District" and "Club" to give an action packed title. Secondly, soccer will be easy to find in the white pages of the telephone book. Therefore, no need to advertise in the yellow pages.

Player's Names on Shirts

Fans go to see the players. The fan does not want a programme from which the names of players can be memorised. When a player performs a very skillful play,



the fan wishes to know his name, but does not want to miss the game by looking at a programme.

When the name of a player is taken home, the casual fan is more likely to return for a future game.

The minor disadvantage is that it costs a few dollars to have the player's name

marked upon his shirt.

Blacktown City, in the NSW Super League, has names on their shirts.

CONCLUSION

The factors to be considered for a name are as follows:

1. identification
2. marketing

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BY GREG BLAKE

UTS OLYMPIC

As the new 'A' League season celebrates 20 years of national soccer we take a look at the 12 teams in the running for the title in the last of a four part feature.
* All stats up to and including 1994/95 season grand final.



The Sydney Olympic revival has begun in earnest.

Olympic — now known as UTS (University of Technology Sydney), to honour its sponsor — has finally embraced the concept of sport in the 1990's.

A bright vibrancy at the club has given new hope to the long-time sleeping giant of Australian soccer, even if the rough edges must still be attended to.

Masterminding the on-field revival is new coach David Ratcliffe and the former no-nonsense Soccerroo defender will ensure that the rag-tag outfit of recent seasons will almost certainly be transformed into a top six contender in the coming summer.

Ratcliffe has long been recognised as a huge coaching talent, having guided always limited Wollongong to the finals twice by getting the best from

what's available.

The side he's taking over at Olympic is considerably more talented than many and the big fellow might finally turn Olympic's potential into greatness.

It will be curious to see Ratcliffe's tactical response to the new challenge, his new club's armoury being considerably more talented — albeit only potentially at this stage — than any he gathered together at Wollongong.

Don't be mistaken, UTS is not a title contender, at least not quite yet. Olympic has suffered through too many changes in this period of transition to go for the big one first up.

But, the basic ingredients — Joe Bacak, Branko Milosevic, David Barrett, Normie Tome and Co. — are good.

club facts

COACH
HOME
LAST YEAR
YEARS IN NSL
HONOURS

David Ratcliffe
Leichhardt Oval, Mary St, Leichhardt, NSW.
8th
19 — 1977 to 1979, 1981 to 1995/96
Champions — 1989/90
Runners up — 1984, 1986 and 1989
Cup winners — 1983 and 1985
Cup runners up — 1989 and 1989/90
Finalists — 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1989/90, 1991, 92 and 1993/94
Gary Meier (296)
Marshall Soper (45)
Norman Tome (8)
Marshall Soper (16) in 1982
6-0 v Apia Leichhardt (Cup) in 1986
1-7 v Marconi (League) in 1993/94

GAMES RECORD
GOALS RECORD
94/95 TOP GUN
GOALS IN SEASON
RECORD WIN
RECORD DEFEAT

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
HOME RECORD	236	106	64	66	343	247	286
AWAY RECORD	234	77	68	89	305	321	222
LEAGUE TOTAL	470	183	132	155	648	568	508
FINALS /TOP 4	27	15	2	10	40	37	N/A
CUP GAMES	46	26	4	16	80	66	N/A
TOT. NSL GAMES	543	224	138	181	768	671	N/A

*Finals or cup matches decided on penalties are shown as drawn games.
Home and away points calculated on two points per win basis.*

Mixed with newcomers of the calibre of Milan Blagojevic, Wally Ardore, Kimon Taliadoros, Nick Orlic and Adam Cianter the new Olympic brew

could eventually be a potent one. The jury is still out on a side renowned for a lack of consistency. Whilst recent victories over both of last year's

grand finalists on successive weekends is encouraging, it must be remembered that Olympic was humbled at Morwell in the very same week.

SYDNEY UNITED

Sydney United's 'department of youth' might have been set to take the next step this year, had it not been for some critical loss of experience and the failure to address a gaping hole up front.

Branko Culina's team will desperately miss goalkeeper Zjelko Kalac, Leicester City's Aussie record \$1.7 million signing, as well as Eric Hristodoulou, Ivan Petkovic, Robbie Stanton and hopefully temporarily, the ageing Manis Lamond.

The kids they've bought in of the calibre of Robbie Enes and Robert Trajkovski are top talents, yet the accent on youth means a little too much responsibility might weigh heavily on the shoulders of the league's best skipper in Tony Popovic.

His recent foray into mid-field to fire the team in Wollongong being a prime example of how valuable Popovic is considered to be in this team.

That said, United should still be the vibrant force of the past two seasons, and a grand final is not out of the question



should everything fall for Culina's side.

After all, the kids who have come through the ranks in the Manfred Schaefer/Culina period can no longer prop on the crutch of supposed inexperience.

The only major flaw in United's squad is — once again — the lack of a quality finisher.

The defeated minor semi-finalist of 1994/95 got to the play-offs with the lowest goals for outside the bottom clubs. With equal top scorer Lamond in Malaysia, the problem area is still just that.

The barren opening weeks

club facts

COACH
HOME
LAST YEAR
YEARS IN NSL
HONOURS

Branko Culina
Croatian Sports Centre, Edensor Rd, Edensor Park, NSW.
4th
13 — 1984 to 1995/96
Runners up — 1988
Cup winners — 1987
Cup runner up — 1993/94
Finalists — 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1993/94 and 1994/95
Manis Lamond (209)
Graham Arnold (67)
Manis Lamond and David Zdrilic (7)
Jim Patikas in 1985 and Graham Arnold (16) in 1986
6-1 v Melbourne Knights (League) in 1987
1-7 v Sydney City (Cup) in 1980

GAMES RECORD
GOALS RECORD
94/95 TOP GUN
GOALS IN SEASON
RECORD WIN
RECORD DEFEAT

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
HOME RECORD	152	77	37	38	226	168	191
AWAY RECORD	150	58	41	51	183	184	157
LEAGUE TOTAL	302	135	78	89	409	352	348
FINALS /TOP 4	13	4	3	6	12	18	N/A
CUP GAMES	32	12	5	15	38	47	N/A
TOT. NSL GAMES	347	151	86	110	459	417	N/A

*Finals or cup matches decided on penalties are shown as drawn games.
Home and away points calculated on two points per win basis.*

of the new campaign have served to underscore the team's glaring weakness.

If the Knights have proved

nothing else in recent successive grand final seasons it is that youth is no barrier to success.

United will get to the finals and if the kids are good enough, this season might be the time to prove it.

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NEWCASTLE BREAKERS

Newcastle Breakers boss John Kosmina comes as close as anyone will to being declared a bona fide playing legend in this country, at both club and international level.

He is also an outspoken fire-brand of a man who has already built up an impressive coaching record with NSW Super League Warringah Dolphins.

His passion for the game should fit well in soccer-mad Newcastle, a city which has lost a trio of NSL clubs over a tumultuous 20 year period.

When the maverick Sheriff Kosmina rides his horse into town and says he's going to put the pride back into Newcastle soccer, you'd have to be one tough hombre to argue the point.

He might just achieve his lofty aims, but it won't be this season and it won't be with this current team.

The Breakers may fight and scrap and tough it out for 'Kossie', but the truth is that the Breakers will be hard pressed to go close to the top six this time around.



Skipper David Lowe, along with Ralph Maier, Andy Roberts and one or two others make up the NSL experience.

The rest of the team consists up of well-considered newcomers, kids and some fringe senior imports.

Kosmina will probably find a gem or two amongst the hopefuls — Jason Bennett, for example — but the Breakers are still at least a year or a fist full of money away from contending, at best.

Picked off as game newcomers in the opening weeks, the Breakers were busted wide open in Brisbane recently in a result which might set the tone for the long campaign ahead.

At least Kosmina has wooed the crowds back.

club facts

COACH	John Kosmina
HOME	Breakers Stadium, Birmingham Gardens, NSW.
LAST YEAR	Did not compete
YEARS IN NSL	4 — 1991/92 to 1993/94 and 1995/96
HONOURS	Nil
GAMES RECORD	Ralph Maier (74)
GOALS RECORD	Warren Spink (29)
94/95 TOP GUN	Not applicable
GLS IN SEASON	Warren Spink (16) in 1992/93
RECORD WIN	6-0 v Heidelberg (League) in 1993/94
RECORD DEFEAT	0-6 v Melbourne Knights (League) in 1991/92

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
HOME RECORD	39	12	15	12	55	52	39
AWAY RECORD	39	10	9	20	41	63	29
LEAGUE TOTAL	78	22	24	32	96	115	68
FINALS /TOP 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
CUP GAMES	5	0	2	3	5	10	N/A
TOT. NSL GAMES	83	22	26	35	101	125	N/A

Finals or cup matches decided on penalties are shown as drawn games.
Home and away points calculated on two points per win basis.

WEST ADELAIDE

West Adelaide appeals as the 'surprise-packet' in the reduced field of teams for the new season.

Coached by experienced Raul Blanco, the Sharks go in with much the same team which struggled into last year's finals and bowed out in the opening elimination game.

Very good on their day last year, the Sharks also produced some very mediocre stuff — most of the time when brilliant wide man Stan Lazaridis was out injured in the latter part of the season.

Now Blanco's team faces the campaign without Lazaridis, the game-busting wide man having been snapped up by English club West Ham.

Much depends on the success of the Jose Iriate and Cyrille Ndongo-Keller partnership up front, with the former coming off a poor year by his standards and the latter a very potent but injury-troubled talent.

If Jim Tsekiniis stays in red-hot form, if Ross Aloisi continues his improvement, if Richie Alagich and one or two others take the next



step, West Adelaide might repeat as a play-off team.

Blanco's best team appears as good as most of the peripheral top six challengers, but this telling 33-game schedule will test the bench depth of the likes of West Adelaide in the final analysis.

The troubled finances of the club appear to have been at least temporarily addressed and the club's move of its administrative headquarters to Hindmarsh Stadium has been positive.

Blanco couldn't have hoped for a better start than to go undefeated in the

club facts

COACH	Raul Blanco
HOME	Hindmarsh Stadium, Holden St., Hindmarsh, SA.
LAST YEAR	6th
YEARS IN NSL	16 — 1977 to 1986, 1989/90, 1991/92 to 1995/96
HONOURS	Champions — 1978 Cup runners up — 1981 and 1986 Finalists — 1978, 1982/93 and 1995/96
GAMES RECORD	Graham Honeyman (239)
GOALS RECORD	Graham Honeyman (36)
94/95 TOP GUN	Cyrille Ndongo-Keller (8)
GLS IN SEASON	Jose Iriate (14) in 1992/93
RECORD WIN	7-0 v Sunshine G. Gross (League) in 1984
RECORD DEFEAT	0-7 v Sydney City (League) in 1980 and v Wollongong City (League) in 1989/90

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
HOME RECORD	198	82	39	77	277	262	203
AWAY RECORD	196	44	47	105	198	336	135
LEAGUE TOTAL	394	126	86	182	475	598	338
FINALS /TOP 4	6	1	1	4	5	9	N/A
CUP GAMES	34	12	6	16	48	52	N/A
TOT. NSL GAMES	434	139	93	202	528	659	N/A

Finals or cup matches decided on penalties are shown as drawn games.
Home and away points calculated on two points per win basis.

opening four games, including a win over Brisbane and draws against two of last

year's top four clubs.

The Sharks will still entertain and win a share, but the

question marks about the team in the post-Lazaridis era remain.

WOMEN'S WRITES

BY JANENE MAR

Marconi to take on Italy's best

Champions Marconi are preparing to embark on a tour of Italy early next year to test their skills against the best the Italians have to offer.

Their 12 day itinerary in February includes three matches against Serie A teams — ACF Monza in Milan, ACF Agliana in Florence and ACF Lorio in Rome. The playing schedule will then end with a game against Lazio's Youth side. The Serie A women's league hardly rates in the fortunes of their male counterparts, but the females have a semi-professional football career.

For Marconi, Italy was the obvious tour destination. Club Marconi has strong connections with Italy, and every year or so organises one of its boys teams to make the trip. Marconi president Tony Labbozzetta will accompany the team as tour leader.

Australian women's soccer also has Italian connections, with World Cup striker Angela Iannotta plying her trade with ACF Agliana, the current national champions. Iannotta has organised the match schedule for Marconi.

Marconi certainly has the playing resources to take on top European opposition, their ranks boasting four World Cup players and seven current NSW members.

1995 has been the most successful of seasons, the club making a clean sweep of NSW's WSL. Marconi took the honours of Minor Premiers and Champions in both First and Reserve Grades, as well as the Waratah Shield title.

"To be honest, if we have our full team available, we should be able to win all our matches," said Aussie vice-captain Anissa Tann-Darby of their tour expectations. "The only one we may

TOUR ITINERARY

20 Feb	Depart Sydney for Milan
22 Feb	Marconi v ACF Monza
24 Feb	Watch Monza v Verona (women's)
25 Feb	Travel to Florence
27 Feb	Marconi v ACF Agliana
28 Feb	Travel to Rome
29 Feb	Marconi v ACF Lazio
01 Mar	Marconi v ACF Lazio Youth Team
02 Mar	Watch Cagliari match
03 Mar	Watch Lazio v Inter (men's)
04 Mar	Depart Rome

struggle against is Angela's team ACF Agliana."

The tour had been originally planned for the end of season, but with heavy Australian team commitments this year, was put off till February. Each of the touring players needs to raise her own funds for the trip, with fundraising activities in full swing for the last couple of months.

Everything from raffles and carwashes to coaching clinics will continue in earnest until Christmas when the group will re-evaluate.

Italian football at a national level is sadly in rather a lull at the moment. Many were surprised to see Italy not qualify for this year's World cup after their impressive sixth placing at the inaugural World Cup in 1991.

Despite winning Group Six of the European Championships, Italy was forced to then beat Norway to contest the World Cup. Internal problems with a new national coach also apparently marred Italy's chances.

Marconi intend to take in the full football experience on tour. They will witness first hand the skill and atmosphere of the renowned

(men's) Serie A with tickets to the Lazio versus Inter encounter.

With Iannotta now enjoying her fourth season in Italy, perhaps some Marconi players will be tempted to try their luck in Europe.

"Jackie Hadden is at the stage where she has a number of contract offers from colleges in the USA, but if the chance came up, I'm sure she would like to play there," said Tann-Darby. "It depends though. They used to allow only one import per team, so if that's still the case, we'd struggle to make it anyway."

Tann-Darby outlines two reasons for Marconi's outstanding success this year. "We were very fit this season, plus we signed up a really large squad because of the World Cup players' long absences. I believe our Reserve grade could have competed in First grade."

With that quality throughout, there was constant competition for places. It made our key players work harder."

It will be interesting to see how our top club side matches up against the semi-pro Italians. Marconi certainly intend to maintain their winning ways on tour.



Anissa Tann-Darby: Confident of success on tour.

VIVA MARCONI!

Showing the Europeans some Aussie style

Aussie soccer has gained the attention of football fans in France with recent photos of Australia's star and Marconi player Anissa Tann-Darby published in top sports magazines L'Equipe and France Football.

The photos depicted Tann-Darby kitted out in the lycra bodysuit produced by Reusch as a proposed playing strip for the World Cup team.

"Unfortunately, the logistics of getting FIFA approval for the clothing proved impossible," said Tann-Darby. "However the Marconi women's team has shown interest in wearing it. Most of the girls have tried the suit on and really like it."

Tann-Darby is hoping Reusch can produce something similar for Marconi, incorporating Italy's colours in the design for the promotion of their upcoming tour.

"I think we'll get plenty of paparazzi coverage in Milan if we wear the bodysuit!"

Penrith Panthers Soccer Club



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RASIC SUPPORTING THE WOMEN'S GAME

In a coup for the game, one of Australia's leading coaches is putting his support behind developing female footballers as an important part of his total coaching program.

The only coach to lead Australia to the (men's) World Cup, in 1974, Rale Rasic has vast football experience on both a national and international level.

The Rale Rasic International Academy of Soccer has been established to foster both top class players as well as coaches.

Rasic has committed his academy to help further develop a career path for the female player through his school of excellence, international coaching methods and exchange programs. The Penrith

and Blue Mountains region in Sydney's far west has been chosen as the initial test market.

In conjunction with the Blacktown/Nepean Zone 5 women's soccer committee, Rasic hosted his inaugural women's clinic last month in Penrith. A good turnout of coaches and players were in attendance from the one of Sydney's biggest growth areas.

Amongst the group were several Canadian exchange students who were more than impressed with the academy's expertise and professionalism, something they had not experienced back home. The instant success has given organisers John Pentecost and Trent Firth real confidence for their overall development plans.

Such a program is vital for the

district's young population. Zone 5 made progress in this its first year with the formation of an U/17 competition, allowing youngsters the opportunity to play against others their own age.

Officials know the importance of increasing the female player base and believe there is a wealth of talent out there looking for an alternative sport. They also realise as greater interest is generated, the quality of coaching will need to be boosted to meet the demand.

World Cup player Denie Pentecost has joined the Rasic academy as an assistant coach and official photographer, providing an all important role model for the girls.

A further part of that local development is the expansion of

Penrith Panthers Soccer Club, Nepean's representative in the NSW Women's State League. Fielding a Reserve Grade side over the last two WSL seasons, coach John Pentecost is presently working towards adding a First Grade team to Penrith's WSL setup. Local product will form the basis of the teams.

Pentecost has outlined a five year plan for the club to become competitive with the top name clubs in WSL. The Panthers are presently moving upwards at all levels, the men recently promoted to First Division State League and the boys also granted Youth League status.

The Penrith Panthers are holding trials for its two WSL teams on November 19 and 26.

National Youth League

United survive Breakers enterprise

BY PETER KONSTO

Despite a slight scare, Sydney United stay top of the table and keep their win only record intact thanks to their 3-2 victory over the Newcastle Breakers at Edensor Park on Sunday.

The Breakers made the best of possible starts to the game when they hit the lead after just two minutes.

The move began when a great side-line tackle by Gavin Berry allowed him to win possession and pass to Corey Filipcevic. Filipcevic floated a terrific ball over the United defence directly into the path of Tony Majurovski who finished beautifully with a volley from outside the box.

Just two minutes later, it seemed that United would equalise when Jason Culina made a great run down the right-hand side of the field and sent a great ball across the face of goal only to see Manis Lamond side-foot over the bar from inside the six-yard box.

United began to assert their authority and a period of constant pressure was rewarded when Chad Gibson headed home a corner from Jane Talcevski on the 12th minute mark.

The home team hit the lead only five minutes later when some excellent interplay down the right-

NORTHERN DIVISION RESULTS

WOLLONGONG CITY.....	3
(T Whiddett 3)	
PARRAMATTA EAGLES.....	6
(G Attard 3, D Watkins 2, R Portelli)	
NSW ITC.....	0
MARCONI.....	8
(N Bosevski 3, D McDonald 2, M Robertson, M Van Cuylenberg, og)	

ACT ACADEMY.....	3
(S Conlon, M Barac, D Bennett)	
UTS OLYMPIC.....	1
(og T Popovich)	

BLACKTOWN CITY.....	2
(C Noble, J Anderson)	
ST GEORGE.....	2
(M O'Shea, C Sigrimis)	

AIS.....	3
(M Trupkovic 2, G Vallas)	
QAS.....	2
(K Wehrman, R Tollenare)	
SYDNEY UNITED.....	3
(C Gibson, M Saric, J Talcevski)	
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS.....	2
(S Pryce, T Majurovski)	

ROUND 5

LES SCHEINFLUG YOUTH CUP

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney United	4	4	0	0	14	4	12
Marconi Fairfield	4	3	0	1	17	2	9
Qld Acad of Sport	4	3	0	1	10	5	9
Parramatta Eagles	5	2	2	1	12	7	8
AIS	4	2	1	1	12	5	7
ACT Academy	4	2	1	1	10	7	7
UTS Olympic	5	2	1	2	11	11	7
Wollongong City	4	2	0	2	9	9	6
Newcastle Breaker	5	2	0	3	7	8	6
Blacktown City	5	1	2	2	6	13	5
St George	5	0	1	4	3	20	1
NSW ITC	5	0	0	5	3	23	0

NB: 3 pts for a win

WEEKEND DRAW

ROUND 6

Friday November 3
Newcastle Breaker v AIS
5.00pm, Breaker Stadium

Saturday November 4
St George v NSW ITC
5.00pm, Valentine Park

Marconi Fairfield v ACT Academy
5.00pm, Marconi Stadium

Sunday November 5
Parramatta Eagles v Sydney United
6.00pm, Melita Stadium

Qld Acad of Sport v Blacktown City
4.45pm, Suncorp Stadium

UTS Olympic v Wollongong City
5.00pm, Leichhardt Oval

breakthrough a resolute United defence.

United relied heavily on a counter attacking game following the send-off with Lamond and Talcevski looking the most dangerous as the home team did enough to hang onto their lead and win 3-2.

ST GEORGE v BLACKTOWN

Rival NSW Super League Clubs St George Saints and Blacktown City met on a very windy evening on the weekend at Valentine Park. Both clubs striving to come to terms with playing in a much higher competition.

The game was played at a furious pace with Blacktown scoring first through Jay Anderson from a cross in the 15th minute.

After the break Saints hit back with a goal from Matt O'Shea in the 60th minute after the Blacktown 'keeper failed to hang onto a hard drive. Soon after Saints conceded an own goal after a scramble in the their goal mouth.

In the 75th minute Saints received a free kick from the dead ball Saints midfielder Con Sigrimis flicked on a header to beat the Blacktown keeper on the near post. The game was contested by two even sides both teams should benefit from the outing.

hand side-line by Culina and Ante Duer produced a drive from outside the box by Lamond. His shot struck the cross-bar but the rebound was followed in and headed home by Mark Saric who was lurking inside the box to put United 2-1 up.

A fine through-ball from Duer put Talcevski into the

clear after 22 minutes and with a clinical finish he clipped the ball over an advancing Adam Fittock in the Breakers goal to extend the home team's advantage to a two goal buffer.

Talcevski was everywhere in the first half and was unlucky not to get a second goal two minutes after

scoring his first when he hit the bar with a vicious right foot volley from a cross provided by Lamond.

United continued to dominate the half but could not convert the numerous chances they created.

The Breakers put themselves back into the game when a speculative

long range shot from Shane Pryce took a deflection off a United defender and beat Andrew Crews in the United goal for the score to remain at 3-2 at the break.

United made a horrible start to the second half when defender, Eddy Bosnar was sent off for his second bookable offence by referee

Brad McKay after just seven minutes following half-time.

The Breakers took full benefit of their one man advantage and spread the play out wide to extend the United defence at every opportunity.

Newcastle went close on a number of occasions to equalising but could not

Goals hard to come by

BY ROY HAY

Morwell Falcons and Melbourne Knights drew 1-1 in the Latrobe Valley on Friday night. Carlo Villani equalised for the Falcons after Branko Bacak had given the Knights the lead in 16 minutes.

The Knights created numerous openings in the first half, but in the second Morwell came back with Villani and Slobodan Despotovski very threatening. The overlapping runs of Falcons' full back Adrian Savage caused much of the danger.

Knights' keeper Wilson Knezevic was in top form and coaches Murray McWhirter and Andrew Albert agreed the final result was probably fair to both teams.

Green Gully caused the shock of the round by defeating league leaders Victorian Institute of Sport by a goal to nil at Keilor Park. After their exertions the day before in the Harry Armstrong Cup final it was expected the Green Gully boys would be pretty tired but they responded magnificently to hold the rapid VIS lads in a scoreless first half.

David Maglovski scored the only goal of the game

SOUTHERN DIVISION RESULTS

SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER	
MORWELL FALCONS.....	1
(Carlo Villani)	
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS.....	1
(Branko Bacak)	

SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER	
NORTH GEELONG.....	1
(Goran Stojanovski)	
MELBOURNE ZEBRAS.....	1
(John Sciarone)	
SPRINGVALE CITY.....	2
(John Papettas 2)	
ALTONA MAGIC.....	0
GREEN GULLY.....	1
(David Maglovski)	
VIS.....	0
PORT MELBOURNE.....	0
BULLEEN.....	2
(Frank Catalano 2)	
SOUTH MELBOURNE.....	1
(own goal)	
HEIDELBERG UNITED.....	1
(Jeff Stefanidis)	

ROUND 3

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Melbourne	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Bulleen Lions	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
VIS	3	2	0	1	13	3	6
Melbourne Zebras	3	1	2	0	7	4	5
Heidelberg United	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Springvale C. Reds	3	1	1	1	5	7	4
Altona Magic	3	1	0	2	1	2	3
Green Gully	3	1	0	2	1	5	3
Melbourne Knights	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Morwell Falcons	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
Nth Geelong W.	3	0	1	2	1	9	1
Pt Melb Sharks	3	0	0	3	3	8	0

NB: 3 points for a win

WEEKEND DRAW

ROUND FOUR

Sunday 5th November
South Melbourne v Bulleen
(4.30pm, Princes Park, Caulfield)
VIS v Port Melbourne
(4.30pm, Paisley Reserve)
Altona Magic v Green Gully
(6.30pm, Paisley Reserve)
Heidelberg United v Morwell Falcons
(6.30pm, John Cain Stadium)
Melbourne Zebras v Springvale City
(4.30pm, John Cain Stadium)
Melbourne Knights v Nth Geelong
(4.30pm, Croatian Sports Centre)

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Player	Goals	Team
JOHN MAISANO	4	VIS
MICHAEL CURCIJA	3	STH MELB
LEV OSMAN	3	VIS

after 60 minutes, and though running out of legs Gully held on with keeper Chris Vella and defenders Adam Cimino, Ewan Robertson and Mark di Fazio taking the honours.

South Melbourne and Heidelberg United drew 1-1 at Princes Park. Jeff Stefanidis scored the opener for Heidelberg in three minutes after a mix-up

between the experienced Steve Mangos and keeper Michael Lilikakis. Heidelberg retained that advantage throughout the first half.

South dominated territorially in the second stanza and hit the underside of the cross-bar through Michael Curcija. Nick Papadopoulos had two shots into the side-netting. The

Heidelberg defence was kept under pressure for most of the game.

Papadopoulos made a break for South after 52 minutes. George Tzirtis fired over a cross-shot which deflected off the unlucky Sam Tyrikos for the equaliser.

Goran Stojanovski crowned his debut for North Geelong with a late

equalising goal against the Melbourne Zebras at Elcho Park. John Sciarone was left unmarked when North failed to clear a corner-kick to hammer in the opener for the Zebras after 14 minutes.

Stojanovski had the ball in the net two minutes later but another North player was offside.

Anthony Napolitano had

two relatively easy chances to put the Zebras further ahead and Martin Iacune blasted over from good position. Josip Didulica replaced Marko Saric in goal for North and had to fingertip a pile driver from Tyrone de Petro over the crossbar.

Then with six minutes to play North's Ivan Biscan hit a cross ball back into the

area and Stojanovski outstripped the defence to volley in the equaliser.

Bulleen's experience told against the young Port Melbourne team with Frank Catalano scoring both goals in a two-nil victory at Spotswood. There was no score on a bumpy pitch in the first half, but after 53 minutes Len Catalano brought the ball down the left and crossed to the far post where brother Frank finished it off.

Two minutes later following a corner kick Damian Everetts headed back across goal and Frank Catalano headed in again.

Bulleen's Robert Liparotti, the Catalano brothers and Everetts were the stars of the show.

Springvale City had its first win of the season over Altona Magic at Waratah Reserve by two goals to nil.

Once again there was only one goalscorer as John Paetas had a double, one in each half. His first good shot which took a wicked bounce and beat the Altona keeper. The second resulted from an error by the keeper who kicked the ball into Papettas in trying to clear.

Altona Magic was always in the game but found Springvale keeper Omar Bradford in defiant mood.

ITALY's Serie A & B

Lazio shock Juventus with 4 goals

TABLES

SERIE A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Milan	8	5	2	1	13	7	17
Parma	8	5	2	1	14	9	17
Lazio	8	4	4	0	16	6	16
Napoli	8	4	3	1	10	6	15
Fiorentina	8	5	0	2	14	11	15
Juventus	8	4	2	2	14	9	14
Udinese	8	3	3	2	9	8	12
Vicenza	8	3	2	3	7	6	11
Inter	8	2	4	2	9	6	10
Sampdoria	8	2	4	2	11	9	10
Roma	8	2	4	2	8	7	10
Atalanta	8	2	4	2	7	9	10
Torino	8	2	3	3	8	12	9
Bari	8	2	2	4	13	15	8
Cagliari	8	2	1	5	4	11	7
Piacenza	8	2	1	5	9	19	7
Cremonese	8	0	3	5	6	13	3
Padova	8	0	2	6	6	16	2

SERIE B

Genoa	10	6	3	1	23	10	21
Salernitana	10	5	2	3	10	4	17
Bologna	10	4	5	1	10	6	17
Brescia	10	4	4	2	15	8	16
Verona	10	4	4	2	13	8	16
Palermo	10	3	7	0	9	6	16
Pescara	10	4	3	3	14	15	15
Avellino	10	4	2	4	10	10	14
Pistoiese	10	3	4	3	12	10	13
Ancona	10	4	1	5	14	14	13
Cesena	10	3	3	4	15	14	12
F. Andria	10	3	3	4	11	12	12
Cosenza	10	2	5	3	9	11	11
Reggina	10	2	5	3	10	13	11
Perugia	10	2	4	4	9	11	10
Lucchese	10	2	4	4	9	15	10
Reggina	10	1	7	2	6	13	10
Foggia	10	2	4	4	6	14	10
Chievo V.	10	1	6	3	9	11	9
Venezia	10	1	4	5	5	14	7

RESULTS

SERIE A

Atalanta.....0	Udinese.....0
Cagliari.....0	Roma.....2
Fiorentina.....3	Bari.....2
Lazio.....4	Juventus.....0
Napoli.....0	Cremonese.....0
Padova.....1	Sampdoria.....1
Parma.....3	Piacenza.....2
Torino.....1	Vicenza.....0
Inter.....1	Milan.....1

SERIE B

Ancona.....2	Avellino.....1
Bologna.....1	Venezia.....1
Foggia.....0	Brescia.....5
Genoa.....5	Pescara.....1
Lucchese.....4	Cesena.....3
Palermo.....2	Chievo V.....1
Pistoiese.....1	Cosenza.....1
Reggina.....2	Salernitana.....1
Reggina.....1	Perugia.....0
Verona.....0	F. Andria.....0

Lazio inflicted a humiliating 4-0 reversal on champions Juventus on the weekend as Parma took over temporarily at the top of the Serie A table.

Lazio's big win in the Rome Olympic Stadium, was achieved without goalkeeper Luca Marchegiani, carried off injured in the 25th minute.

Two goals from Pierluigi Casiraghi plus one each from Giuseppe Signori and Roberto Rambaudi sealed Juve's second defeat in less than a week after last Wednesday's shock Italian Cup exit at Atalanta.

AC Milan, which drew 1-1 with cross-town rival Inter, held on to first place with 17 points, leading Parma on goal difference.

Parma, the UEFA Cup holders, posted a dramatic 3-2 victory over Piacenza, with success hinging on striker Filippo Inzaghi's injury-time goal.

Fiorentina's 3-2 home victory over Bari moved the Florence side into joint fourth place with Napoli, held to a disappointing scoreless draw by Cremonese.

Roberto Mancini's equaliser for Sampdoria in a 1-1 draw at Padova was overshadowed by the second-half dismissal of French midfielder Christian Karembeu for his second bookable offence.

Marchegiani's knee injury, sustained in a diving save at the feet of Fabrizio Ravanelli, appeared to inspire Lazio to their best football of the match.

In the 40th minute, Signori made amends for an earlier missed chance with his deadly left foot, unleashing a first-time shot from the edge of the area which flew into Angelo Peruzzi's top corner for the striker's fifth goal of the season.

Then, on the stroke of half-time, Casiraghi put the home side two up in controversial fashion.

The striker appeared to have squandered a gilt-edged chance when he hit



Roberto Mancini: Equaliser for Sampdoria overshadowed by colleague's dismissal.

the post with the goal at his mercy, but controlled the rebound and tried again only to see Ciro Ferrara clear his shot.

The linesman ruled the ball had crossed the line, however, and the goal stood.

In the second-half, Lazio, still unbeaten in the league this season, gave further evidence they have put last season's defensive failings behind them.

Their defence first absorbed one of Serie A's most prolific strikeforces, before Rambaudi and Casiraghi rounded off two lethally fast counter-attacks with power and precision.

Although Ferrara, Ravanelli, and Gianluca Vialli, returning from a

months lay-off with a knee injury, all struck the woodwork, the champions are clearly below their best ahead of next week's European Cup match in Glasgow against Rangers.

"A completely negative performance," said manager Marcello Lippi after the match, "we looked down and out."

At Milan's San Siro, Montenegro playmaker Dejan Savicevic, out of league action since September 17 with injuries, slotted home a low drive less than a minute into the second, to equalise for AC Milan. Prior to this game Inter had not allowed a goal at home in four matches this season. Massimo Paganin

had put Inter ahead in the 19th with only his second goal in his 82 matches to date.

Parma's Gianfranco Zola, left on the substitute's bench for last week's draw at Roma, replied in the best possible fashion against Piacenza.

The diminutive playmaker, understudy to Diego Maradona at Napoli in the 1980s, set Parma on their way to victory with two freekicks reminiscent of the Argentinian at his best.

Both were curled around the defensive wall into the net leaving Piacenza's Massimo Taibi helpless.

In a battling performance from last season's second division champions, first

Angelo Carbone in the 52nd minute then Nicola Caccia with an 82nd minute penalty, levelled.

For the final 10 minutes, Parma coach Nevio Scala brought on Bulgarian Hristo Stoichkov, initially relegated to the substitutes bench.

With Piacenza's Rossini sent off in the 86th minute, Stoichkov led a period of sustained Parma pressure culminating in the Inzaghi late winner against his old club.

Uruguay's Daniel Fonseca also celebrated a return to his old club Cagliari, scoring both goals in Roma's surprisingly easy 2-0 win against Giovanni Trapattoni's struggling Sardinian side.

ITALIAN CUP

RED CARD FEVER

Winger Fabio Gallo scored three minutes from the end of extra time last week as Atalanta beat league champions Juventus 1-0 to reach the quarter-finals of the Italian Cup.

Both the northern clubs ended up with just 10 men in a hot-tempered match in Bergamo.

Juventus, among the favourites for the European Cup this season, had Alessio Tacchinardi sent off in the 22nd minute for violent play while Atalanta's Uruguayan Paolo Montero went off in the 69th after his second booking.

Second Division Palermo pulled off the major upset of the night, beating Serie A club Vicenza 1-0.

Cagliari, reduced to 10 men in the 47th

THIRD ROUND

— October 25 —

Atalanta.....1	Juventus.....0
(after extra time)	
Udinese.....0	Lazio.....1
Lecce.....0	Fiorentina.....5
Forli.....0	AC Milan.....2
Cagliari.....2	Sampdoria.....1
Palermo.....1	Vicenza.....0
Fiorenzuola.....1	Inter.....2

minute, won 2-1 at home to Sampdoria in another match dominated by red cards, with the visiting team ending up down to nine players after Marco Franceschetti and Stefano Sacchetti were sent off.

INTER SCRAPE THROUGH

Internazionale of Milan struggled to a 2-1 victory against third-division Fiorenzuola in an early third-round match of the Italian Cup.

Defender Gianluca Festa scored the game winner in the 60th minute, after the teams went in 1-1 at half-time at the Galleana stadium in Piacenza.

Young forward Benito Carbone gave Inter an early lead in the seventh minute. Midfielder Cristiano Scazzola scored the equaliser for Fiorenzuola in the 24th.

The Milan team, which is coached by Roy Hodgson, qualified for the quarter-finals.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

GROUP A

In Denmark: Aalborg (Denmark) bt Panathinaikos (Greece) 2-1 (halftime 1-1).
Scorers: Aalborg - Erik Bo Andersen (8th minute), Jens Christian Madsen (88th).
Panathinaikos - Krzysztof Warzycha (42nd).
Attendance: 6,100

TABLE

Panathinaikos (Greece)	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
FC Porto (Portugal)	3	1	1	1	2	1	4
Nantes (France)	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Aalborg (Denmark)	3	1	0	2	3	6	3

Remaining matches: Nov 1 - Panathinaikos v FC Porto, Aalborg v Nantes, Nov 22 - Panathinaikos v Aalborg, FC Porto v Nantes, Dec 6 - Nantes v Panathinaikos, Aalborg v FC Porto



Krzysztof Warzycha: Evened game up for Panathinaikos.

First Euro points for Aalborg

Substitute Jens Christian Madsen scored in the 88th minute to give Denmark's Aalborg a 2-1 win over Panathinaikos of Greece last week — their first success in the European Champions' League.

Underdog Aalborg, reinstated in Group A after Ukraine champion Dynamo Kiev was expelled for attempting to bribe a referee, fought tirelessly in its first home game in front of a 6,100 crowd at its small north Jutland stadium.

Erik Bo Andersen put Aalborg ahead in the eighth minute with a left-footed shot after fellow Danish international striker Peter Rasmussen's cross from the right.

The more technically skilful Panathinaikos gradually took over the game towards the end of the first half.

They were rewarded when Polish striker Krzysztof Warzycha's 42nd minute shot deflected off an Aalborg defender, leaving goalkeeper Thomas Gill no chance.

Referee Helmut Krug of Germany sent off Panathinaikos defender Ioannis Kalitzakis in the 55th minute for a foul on Andersen, and the Greek champions retreated into defence to salvage a draw.

However, substitute striker Jesper Groenkjaer produced a fine solo effort on the left flank and sent in a cross for Madsen to hit his late winner.

It was Aalborg's first points after away defeats to Nantes of France and Portugal's Porto, teams who were beaten by Panathinaikos.

Bayern retain lead in amazing match

BAYERN MUNICH 5 VFB STUTTGART 3

Bayern Munich needed two late goals to beat VfB Stuttgart 5-3 in the German Bundesliga last weekend, capping a wild match in which the teams traded five goals in the final 14 minutes.

First-place Munich appeared to have the match wrapped up against Stuttgart, an up-and-coming rebuilt side regarded as having title potential.

When Mehmet Scholl converted a penalty in the 63rd minute Munich went to a comfortable 3-0 lead. That's when the two teams, playing in front of 63,000 at Munich's Olympic Stadium, engaged in a shootout.

"It was a crazy match," said Stuttgart coach Rolf Fringer.

Axel Kruse put Stuttgart on the scoreboard in the 76th minute. Then teammate Giovane Elber exploded for goals in the 79th and 84th to knot the match. These two brought the Brazilian's league total to 10 goals.

But only one minute later, Bayern striker Alexander Zickler turned the match around again. Scholl then sank his second penalty just before the whistle to seal the match.

Stuttgart dominated the first half behind the playmaking of Bulgaria's Krassimir Balakov - a key reason for its new power in



Krassimir Balakov: Ace playmaker for Stuttgart.

the Bundesliga.

Despite being outplayed, Bayern took a 1-0 lead with Thomas Strunz's shot just before the half-time whistle, then came back strongly in the second half. A solo run by Zickler led to their 2-0 lead.

SCHALKE 1 BORUSSIA DORTMUND 2

Dortmund remained three points behind Munich by running its unbeaten streak to eight matches. But Dortmund needed

Michael Zorc's game winner with a minute left to salvage a weak performance in front of 71,000 in Gelsenkirchen.

"We had amazing luck," said Dortmund coach Ottmar Hitzfeld. "I can't really be happy because our performance makes you

thoughtful. We're going to have to talk."

Youri Mulder had scored first for Schalke before talented 19-year-old Lars Ricken evened the match for Dortmund.

Hamburg edged Kaiserslautern 1-0. Three other matches ended in 1-1 draws: Bremen vs. St. Pauli, Duesseldorf vs. Leverkusen and Rostock vs. Frankfurt.

On Friday, third-place Moenchengladbach won its fourth in a row, keeping Cologne scoreless with a 2-0 win. Karlsruhe and Freiburg played a 1-1 draw.

Nigerian international Jay-Jay Okocha scored early for Frankfurt. Martin Klee shot the equalizer in the 73rd minute for Rostock in a match played at Berlin's Olympic Stadium.

Rostock had been ordered by league officials to play at a neutral site as punishment for a smoke bomb incident in an earlier home match. The team made money by playing in Berlin — drawing 63,000 spectators.

Bernd Hobsch put Bremen ahead 1-0 against St. Pauli, while teammate Mario Basler had a penalty blocked. Stefan Hanke fired home the equalizer in the 65th minute.

Veteran Rudi Voeller scored for Leverkusen against Duesseldorf, whose goal came from Andrzej Buncol, a former Leverkusen player.

An own goal by Kaiserslautern's Martin Wagner was all Hamburg needed to win its second straight under new coach Felix Magath.

Ajax blast six in goal rampage

Two goals from striker Patrick Kluivert (right) helped rampaging Ajax Amsterdam thrash Roda JC Kerkrade 6-1 in the Dutch First Division last weekend.

Four goals in the first 37 minutes set Ajax on its way against last year's runner-up.

It made it 12 wins from 12 games with 47 goals and just three against. Its unbeaten run in the Dutch league now stands at 46.

Jari Litmanen, Danny Blind, Edgar Davids and Nwankwo Kanu struck for Ajax as the leader stayed five points clear of PSV Eindhoven, 2-0 winner over Willem II Tilburg.

PSV showed again it can score goals without Brazilian star striker Ronaldo, who started on the substitutes bench after recovering from an ankle injury.

An early Ernest Faber header from a corner by Luc Nilis and a brilliant curling shot from the edge of the box by Nilis four minutes before time sealed the sixth home victory of the season. Willem II had defender



Dave Smits sent off in the 58th minute for a second bookable offence.

Ronaldo may be back in the starting line-up in a UEFA Cup match against Leeds today (Tuesday), but experienced midfielder Jan Wouters will miss the game

after tearing a muscle in training.

Wouters is expected to be out for several weeks.

Ajax is also in European action this week with a Champions league match against Grasshopper Zurich on Wednesday.

GOTHENBURG CROWNED KING OF SWEDEN

IFK Gothenburg picked up some lost pride last weekend after an early exit in the Champions League by winning its fifth Swedish championship title in six years.

Magnus Erlingmark and Mikael Nilsson, both reserves in Sweden's bronze-medal squad in last year's World Cup finals, scored in the second half to give IFK Gothenburg a 2-0 win over Trelleborg.

IFK Gothenburg, which reached the Champions League quarter-finals last season after winning its group ahead of FC Barcelona and Manchester United, finished with a 12-10-4 record and 46 points. It was the 16th league title for the club.

Helsingborg, which lost away 5-3 to Hammarby of Stockholm, finished second in the 14-team league with 42 points.

The final round was marred by one of the worst outbreaks of fan violence in Swedish first division history.

At Stockholm's Olympic Stadium, referee Anders Frisk was attacked by a fan early and then stopped the Djurgarden-Halmstad game in the second half because of the home fans' rowdy behaviour.

A dozen fans ran onto the field with eight minutes gone after Frisk awarded a free kick against Djurgarden.

One of the fans hit Frisk in the back with his knee. Police arrested the fan.

Frisk escaped unhurt and continued officiating. But when Frisk sent off Djurgarden's Norwegian goalie Thor-Andre Olsen for a violent foul in the 65th minute, angry Djurgarden fans started pelting the referee with bottles and iron bars. The referee and the players immediately left the field.

Halmstad led 2-0 when the game was stopped, but was awarded a 3-0 victory according to the rules.

Halmstad, which shocked Italian powerhouse Parma 3-0 in a second-round, first leg Cup Winners Cup game 10 days ago, finished third in the final standings with 41 points.

Djurgarden, which finished in the middle of the standings, could be fined \$A48,000 said Swedish Soccer Federation official Christer Malmsten.



Croatian Corner

By John Viskovich



GIVE THEM A CAP

Croatian national team coach Ciro Blazevic faces the task of using four players as soon as possible. The players in question are defender Tomislav Kocijan (below) of Salzburg, captain of GAK (Austria), Zeljko Vukovic, Ivica Mornar (E. Frankfurt) and Dario Simic (Croatia Zagreb).

In recent times Kocijan and Vukovic have received invitations for the Austrian national team but both said no and want to play for Croatia.

Now the Croatian coach has to do the right thing by them and give them a call up.

Mornar has been in great form and now plays in Germany for Frankfurt he is a Croatian U/21 and has only had a hand full of games for the 'A' team.

On the other hand defender for the Croatian U/21 team Simic is getting praise wherever he goes. he also wants to play for the senior national side or at least be in the squad.

Croatia's last match in the qualifiers for Euro 96 will be against Slovenia and don't be surprised to see at least two of these player in the starting line up.



THE NEW GENERATION

DARIO SIMIC

D.O.B.: 12.11.1975
CLUB: Croatia Zagreb
POSITION: Libero/Defender
CREDITS: Represented the former Yugoslavia at junior levels. Now an U/21 for Croatia.

A CLUB WHO IS INTERESTED IN HIM: AC Milan

SILVIO MARIC

D.O.B.: 20.3.1975
CLUB: Croatia Zagreb
POSITION: Striker
CREDITS: Represented the former Yugoslavia at all junior levels. Now an U/21 for Croatia.

A CLUB WHO IS INTERESTED IN HIM: Juventus

DOMAGOJ KOSIC

D.O.B.: 11.11.1975
CLUB: Croatia Zagreb
POSITION: Midfield
CREDITS: Represented the form Yugoslavia at all junior levels. Now an U/21 for Croatia.

A CLUB WHO IS INTERESTED IN HIM: Barcelona

STJEPAN TOMAS

D.O.B.: 6.3.1976
CLUB: Croatia Zagreb
POSITION: Defender
CREDITS: Represented the former Yugoslavia at all junior levels. Now an U/21 for Croatia.

A CLUB WHO IS INTERESTED IN HIM: Stuttgart

COACH DETAINED IN FRANCE

AAP reports that the detention of Croatia team coach Miroslav Blazevic for alleged involvement in match-fixing in France was a "misunderstanding" that would be proven unfounded in court.

Blazevic, who coached Nantes of France from 1989 to 1991, was detained

on the French side of Geneva airport last Wednesday in connection with a probe into the alleged use of slush funds by former European champions Marseille.

"We are convinced the arrest is the result of a misunderstanding, and the case will be dropped on first hearing in France in November," Ante Pavlovic, secretary of Croatian Soccer Association (HNS), told a news conference in Zagreb.

"Thus Blazevic will return in time to train the national team ahead of an



Silvio Maric

Croatia has already secured a slot in the European Championship because it tops the qualification group which also includes Italy, Slovenia and Lithuania.

An international arrest warrant against Blazevic had been issued earlier this year as part of a judicial investigation into the alleged use of slush funds by Marseille under its disgraced former owner Bernard Tapie.

Blazevic, who has coached a string of teams in former Yugoslavia, Switzerland and France, has denied involvement in match-rigging. He is due to appear in court on November 2.

Pavlovic said the HNS contacted Blazevic's lawyer in France last week but refused to say what would happen if Blazevic was still in custody after November 2.



Dario Simic

important match with Slovenia," Pavlovic said.

Champions League Babies

While most soccer fans were still on the beach and basking in Europe's hottest summer for years, Danish champion Aalborg was being eliminated from the European Champions' Cup by Dynamo Kiev of Ukraine.

Its 4-1 aggregate loss in the preliminary round — 0-1 at home, 1-3 away — on August 23 came as no great surprise, even to Aalborg's most ardent fans.

But what came next left everyone in the northern Danish town reeling with shock, delight — and some trepidation.

Dynamo Kiev, the pride of Ukraine, was found guilty by European soccer's governing body UEFA of attempting to bribe the Spanish referee in charge of its opening Champions' League Group A match against Panathinaikos of Greece.

That is why Aalborg played its first home Champions League match against Panathinaikos last Wednesday. As Steen Rosenbak, a long-time Aalborg supporter, said: "Once the euphoria and shock of qualifying for the European Champions' League wore off, Aalborg was hit by a sense of foreboding."

"Of course we were happy to get the chance to play on. But no-one in Aalborg seriously expects we are going to win our group."

Last Wednesday, the reality of what it means to be among the elite of European soccer will be felt in an antiquated, isolated stadium in Denmark's northern-most city on the northern-most point of Jutland.

For more than a century, Aalborg has not only been on the periphery of European soccer, but also of Danish soccer.

Until it won the Danish League in June for the first time since its formation in 1885, Aalborg's only other honours were Danish Cup successes in 1966 and 1970.

It entertained Panathinaikos in what is arguably the biggest home match in its history, and won 2-1!

The Greeks went into the game with a 100 per cent record after wins over French champion Nantes and Porto, the champion of Portugal. Aalborg has already lost to both clubs.

Thousands of dollars are available from UEFA for every point secured in the Champions' League and even a couple of draws would give Aalborg's funds a considerable boost.

Irrespective of success on the pitch, the local council has improved the floodlighting and provided extra seating for the team's home European matches. It has also



Erick Bo Anderson:

Put away Aalborg's initial Champions goal.

pledged 50 million crowns (\$A13.43 million) for a three-year refurbishment programme to modernise the ground.

Extensions to the grandstand to boost the capacity from 14,000 to 20,000, improved changing rooms, meeting rooms and other new facilities are also planned.

"It is of course a great challenge for the players, the team is settling down and optimistic about its upcoming home match chances," Aalborg manager Poul Erik Andreassen said.

"The trouble is, we are unprepared for the Champions' League and we find ourselves playing a lot of matches all at once."

One man who has plenty of experience of big soccer occasions is Aalborg's trainer Sepp Piontek, who was in charge of the superb Danish national team of the early 1980s.

For a man who lived in Odense, the birthplace of

Hans Christian Andersen for many years, Piontek is entitled to believe in fairytales. The story came true against the previously unbeaten Greek team. He also disagrees with Andreassen's viewpoint.

"The team has got over the shock of playing in the Champions' League and is not so easily impressed by European opponents any more," he said.

Aalborg's story, of course, could be compared to Denmark's remarkable achievement of winning the European Championship in 1992 after belatedly entering the competition when Yugoslavia was expelled.

Nobody expects Aalborg to emulate Denmark's success. But as Rosenbak said: "The team is taking it as an opportunity to learn, in a situation where every single point it wins will be good news."

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US NAME OLYMPIC COACH

University of Virginia soccer coach Bruce Arena, 44, who led that team to a record four consecutive national championships — five in the last six years — has been formally named to coach the US Olympic team.

Under the rules, Arena must field 15 players under the age of 23 and can name three "over age" players. But he said he has yet to make up his mind which wild card players will make the 18-man roster.

Arena ticked off a dozen possible names that he will consider, including 1994 US World Cup Team goalkeeper Tony Meola and Claudio Reyna who played for him at Virginia, but said he was keeping his options open.

The United States has never made it to the medal round since soccer became an Olympic sport in 1924. In the 1992 games, the US team lost to Italy 1-0, beat Kuwait 3-1 and drew with Poland 2-2.

TV RIGHTS WORTH MORE

The head of South Korea's 2002 World Cup bid has attacked FIFA for being secretive over TV rights negotiations and accused the international body of undervaluing the event.

Chung Mong-Chun said the negotiations for the multi-million deal should be brought out into the open.

The industrialist, who has led South Korea's aggressive battle with Japan to stage the World Cup finals, also slammed what he saw as the undervaluation of the TV rights.

Chung said talk of a \$A1.34 billion bid for the 2002 rights was nonsense and should be doubled to \$A2.69 billion.

"Historically the process and decision making on the marketing and TV rights contracts has been handled by very few people behind closed doors."

Chung said this must change and "more transparency is needed."

He said FIFA committees must become more involved in the dealing.

"I do not propose a burdensome bureaucracy, but more people do need to be involved if we are to achieve greater transparency," Chung said in a speech to the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF).

"Greater transparency is essential because the World Cup has been financially undervalued. That will also



Eric Cantona: Inter still want him.

change.

"There has already been talk of a one billion dollar bid for the marketing and TV rights of the 2002 World Cup. My understanding is that we should aim for twice that amount," he said highlighting that this would be 20 times the figure for the 1994 finals in the United States.

FIFA president Joao Havelange was not among the world sports leaders listening to Chung. Havelange is staying away from the GAISF meeting in Seoul to avoid the lobby battle between South Korea and Japan.

But a FIFA spokesman in Zurich said they had already started opening up decision-making for marketing and broadcasting rights.

SWEDISH FANS DISAPPOINTED

Three policemen were injured and ten fans were arrested when disappointed Hammarby supporters, their club doomed to relegation, could only manage a 2-2 draw with IFK Gothenburg, rioted.

Up to 200 Hammarby fans attacked Gothenburg supporters after the match in the Stockholm suburbs and stoned the 30 policemen who intervened.

Authorities sent 100 reinforcements in riot gear but they failed to prevent the fans smashing three police cars and totally wrecking a police bus which had to be towed away.

"It is the most violent demonstration I have known this year," said Inspector Lars-Erik Andersson, commander of the police reinforcements.

INTER STILL WANT CANTONA

Inter Milan's English coach Roy Hodgson has reopened attempts to sign Manchester United's French star Eric Cantona, it was reported last week.

"We will be going after

Eric Cantona," the former Swiss national coach who took over at Inter last week told the London Daily Mirror.

Cantona was rated at \$A14.88 million. Inter has little time to push through its bid as the Italian transfer market reopens for just five days at the start of November.

Cantona was suspended for eight months and sentenced to 120 hours community service in January after jumping into crowd and attacking a fan who was taunting him at a match in London against Crystal Palace.

There was much speculation during his suspension he would go to Inter, which had also bought his United team-mate Paul Ince, but he returned to Manchester against Liverpool on October 1, setting up the first and scoring the equaliser in a 2-2 draw.

It is difficult to see United manager Alex Ferguson, who has stuck by his wayward French star through thick and thin, letting him go.

AIRLINE SUSPENDS SUPPORTERS

Charter airline Martinair Holland said last week it would no longer transport Feyenoord supporters after the Rotterdam team's fans caused \$A10,300 in damage to



Johan Cruyff: Banned from side-lines.

one of its planes.

Martinair said about 80 of the 250 Feyenoord fans it carried home from last Thursday week's European Cup

Winners' Cup tie against Everton caused damage to the interior of the Airbus plane and were abusive towards flight attendants.

The second-round first-leg match in Liverpool ended in a goalless draw and the return leg will be played in Rotterdam this week.

Separately, Feyenoord said it planned to send a bill for \$A21,400 to Dutch champions Ajax because the Amsterdam side's fans set fire to plastic seats last Sunday week after watching their team beat Feyenoord 4-2 in the league.

Feyenoord stadium manager Jos van der Vegt said the incident, which destroyed about 50 seats, was witnessed by an observer of the Dutch association KNVB.

Nobody was hurt and no arrests were made.

CRUYFF'S 5-MATCH BAN AND FINE

Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff last week was banned from the bench for his team's next five matches and fined \$A5,400 for insulting a referee.

The Spanish Football Federation announced the ban after considering the Dutchman's behaviour during Barcelona's home league match against Valencia last Sunday week.

Cruyff jumped up from the dug-out early in the game after a foul on Barcelona youngster Albert Celades, walked onto the Nou Camp pitch and argued with referee Manuel Diaz Vega.

Diaz showed him the red card and Cruyff was forced to watch the rest of the match, which Barcelona won 1-0, from the stands.

Afterwards the former Dutch international was unrepentant.

"When he doesn't whistle for the very first foul against a 19-year-old, it's difficult to know what to say. It's not a question of swift action but of attitude," he said.

"It's a good job I had my seat reserved in the stand."

It was the fourth time Cruyff has been sent off while coach at Barcelona.

BASLE SACK ANDREY

Swiss first division club FC Basle has sacked trainer Claude Andrey for breach of contract, Swiss television last week reported.

The report said Andrey had broken the terms of his contract by also working as a players' agent.

Andrey took Basle back to division one in his first year as trainer in 1993.

It is seventh in the 12-team competition.

MATCH-RIGGING ALLEGATIONS SPREAD STICKY WEB

The former right-hand man of Marseille's disgraced soccer boss Bernard Tapie alleged in court last week that several French games had been rigged, not just the one match that helped trigger Tapie's downfall.

Jean-Pierre Bernes was testifying in an appeals court trying Tapie and himself for bribery in fixing a league game between Olympique Marseille and Valenciennes in 1993 - a case known in France as Va-OM.

"The Va-OM case was not the only case of corruption. Other games were fixed," Bernes, who is appealing against a two-year suspended prison sentence for his role in the scandal imposed in May, told the court.

Tapie, who is appealing against a sentence of a year in prison with another year suspended, said soccer was "monstrously polluted" by money, citing the role of go-betweens and negotiations over television rights and advertising.

Tapie did not respond directly to the new match-fixing allegations but he has denied rigging the Valenciennes game. The prosecutor was to tell



Bernard Tapie: Completely disgraced.

the court later in the day what sentences he wants for Tapie, Bernes and several Valenciennes and Marseille players.

Tapie's downfall started soon after he took Marseille to the European Cup title in 1993. A former cabinet minister and business magnate, he has been

declared bankrupt and ineligible for public office in a welter of law suits.

Bernes accused the Croatian national coach Miroslav Blazevic, the former trainer of French club Nantes, of being paid \$A115,515 on condition his team beat Marseille's league rivals

Bordeaux.

"Mr Blazevic received that money to pay bonuses to Nantes players so that they beat Bordeaux in a French championship game in 1990," he said.

He added several games between Marseille and Nantes had been rigged.

Blazevic coached Nantes between 1989 and 1991 and judicial sources said that Marseille had credited a Zurich bank account he controlled with about \$A150,000.

Blazevic, detained last week, was formally placed under investigation on suspicion of falsifying documents and remanded in prison in a probe into alleged corruption.

An investigating magistrate is probing charges that Marseille rigged matches by using slush funds created by inflated payments to agents for player transfers and for the arrangement of friendly matches which never took place.

Blazevic, who has coached a string of teams in former Yugoslavia, Switzerland and France, has denied being involved in match-rigging.

WORLD RESULTS & TABLES

ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP THIRD ROUND

— October 25 —

Aston Villa.....2	Stockport.....0
Coventry.....3	Tottenham.....2
Crystal Palace.....2	Middlesbrough.....2
Derby.....0	Leeds.....1
Liverpool.....4	Manchester City.....0
Millwall.....0	Sheffield Wed.....2
Norwich.....0	Bradford.....0
QPR.....3	York.....1
Southampton.....2	West Ham.....1
Stoke.....0	Newcastle.....4
Wolverhampton.....0	Charlton.....0
Barnsley.....0	Arsenal.....3
Birmingham.....1	Tranmere.....1
Bolton.....0	Leicester.....0
Reading.....0	Bury.....2
(abandoned after 28 minutes - torrential rain)	
Watford.....1	Blackburn.....2

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

— October 28 —

Aston Villa 1 (Yorke 76th minute)	Everton 0.
Halftime 0-0. Attendance: 32,792	
Blackburn 3 (Sherwood 39th, Shearer 49th, Newell 57th)	Chelsea 0. 1-0. 27,733
Leeds 3 (McAllister 39th, 43rd, 90th penalty)	Coventry 1 (Dublin 12th). 2-1. 30,161
Liverpool 6 (Rush 3rd, 64th, Redknapp 5th, Fowler 47th, 60th, Ruddock 53rd)	Manchester City 0. 2-0. 39,267
Manchester United 2 (Pallister 44th, Cole 87th)	Middlesbrough 0. 1-0. 36,580
Queens Park Rangers 1 (Sinclair 80th)	Nottingham Forest 1 (Lee 46th). 0-0. 17,549
Sheffield Wednesday 0	West Ham 1 (Dowie 40th). 0-1. 23,917
Wimbledon 1 (Ewell 63rd)	Southampton 2 (Shipperley 9th, 74th). 0-1. 7,982.
Tottenham 1 (Chris Armstrong 21st minute)	Newcastle 1 (David Ginola 47th). Halftime 1-0. Attendance: 32,279.

DIVISION ONE

Derby.....2	Oldham.....1
Grimsby.....1	Stoke.....0
Leicester.....2	Crystal Palace.....3
Millwall.....2	West Bromwich.....1
Portsmouth.....4	Watford.....2
Reading.....1	Ipswich.....4
Southend.....0	Huddersfield.....0
Sunderland.....2	Barnsley.....1
Wolverhampton.....1	Sheffield Utd.....0
Luton.....0	Charlton.....1
Norwich.....1	Tranmere.....1
Port Vale.....1	Birmingham.....2

DIVISION TWO

Blackpool.....1	Oxford.....1
Bournemouth.....2	Carlisle.....0
Bradford.....2	Burnley.....2
Brighton.....2	Bristol Rovers.....0
Bristol City.....0	Walsall.....2
Crewe.....3	Brentford.....1
Notts County.....1	Swindon.....3
Peterborough.....6	York.....1
Shrewsbury.....3	Rotherham.....1
Stockport.....0	Chesterfield.....1
Wrexham.....1	Swansea.....0
Wycombe.....2	Hull.....2

DIVISION THREE

Cardiff.....1	Colchester.....2
Darlington.....2	Plymouth.....0
Doncaster.....2	Preston.....2
Exeter.....1	Lincoln.....1
Fulham.....0	Hereford.....0
Hartlepool.....1	Gillingham.....1
Leyton Orient.....1	Wigan.....1
Mansfield.....1	Bury.....5
Northampton.....0	Barnet.....2
Rochdale.....3	Cambridge United.....1
Scarborough.....0	Chester.....0
Torquay.....1	Scunthorpe.....8

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Celtic.....2	Aberdeen.....0
Falkirk.....2	Hearts.....0
Hibernian.....2	Kilmarnock.....0
Partick.....1	Motherwell.....0
Raith.....2	Rangers.....2

DIVISION ONE

Airdrieonians.....2	Dundee.....3
Clydebank.....2	Hamilton.....0
Dumbarton.....0	Greenock Morton.....2
Dundee United.....3	Dunfermline.....1
St Johnstone.....0	St Mirren.....0

DIVISION TWO

Ayr.....0	East Fife.....1
Forfar.....1	Clyde.....0
Queen of South.....4	Montrose.....2
Stirling.....1	Berwick.....0
Stranraer.....2	Stenhousemuir.....1

DIVISION THREE

Albion.....2	Alloa.....1
Brechin.....0	Caledonian Thistle.....0
Cowdenbeath.....3	Queen's Park.....2
Livingston.....0	Arbroath.....1
Ross County.....1	East Stirling.....1

Scottish League Cup Semi-Final

— October 25 —

Dundee.....2	Airdrieonians.....1
Aberdeen.....2	Rangers.....1

Dundee play Aberdeen in the final at Hampden Park on November 28.

IRISH PREMIER DIVISION

— October 29 —

Shamrock Rovers.....2	Derry City.....0
UCD.....3	Athlone Town.....0
Shelbourne.....0	Sligo Rovers.....0

TABLE

Bohemians	10	6	2	2	22	9	20
Shelbourne	10	5	4	1	16	7	19
Sligo Rovers	10	5	2	3	14	12	17
St Patrick's Athletic	10	5	2	3	11	9	17
Derry City	10	4	3	3	13	11	15
Drogheda	10	3	3	4	12	13	12
UCD	10	3	3	4	11	12	12
Dundalk	10	3	3	4	11	13	12
Cork City	10	2	5	3	9	11	11
Galway	10	2	5	3	12	17	11
Shamrock Rovers	10	2	4	4	7	11	10
Athlone Town	10	1	2	7	7	20	5

NORWEGIAN PREMIER DIVISION

— October 23 —

Bodeoe/Glimt.....6	Viking.....2
Kongsvinger.....1	Rosenborg.....1
Molde.....4	Brann.....2
Start.....2	Lillestrom.....1
Strindheim.....1	Hoedd.....5
Tromsøe.....4	Ham-Kam.....1
VIF Fotball.....2	Stabekk.....2

TABLE

Rosenborg	26	19	5	2	78	29	62
Molde	26	14	5	7	60	47	47
Bodeoe/Glimt	26	12	7	7	65	43	43
Lillestrom	26	11	8	7	50	36	41
Viking	26	12	4	10	55	42	40
Tromsøe	26	11	5	10	53	42	38
VIF Fotball	26	11	6	9	47	44	37
Start	26	11	1	14	51	52	34
Stabekk	26	9	6	11	36	40	33
Brann	26	9	5	12	40	50	32
Kongsvinger	26	7	8	11	37	54	29
Hoedd	26	8	4	14	38	57	28
Ham-Kam	26	8	3	15	33	66	27
Strindheim	26	4	5	17	36	77	17

Note: VIF Fotball deducted two points because of financial irregularities last season. Hoedd, Ham-Kam and Strindheim drop to first division. First division teams Skeid, Moss and Stroemsgodset are promoted.

SWEDISH FIRST DIVISION

— October 28 —

Degerfors.....3	Oster.....2
Gothenburg.....2	Trelleborg.....0
Malmo.....1	Orgryte.....1
Helsingborg.....3	Hammarby.....5
AIK.....2	Orebro.....0
Vastra Frolunda.....5	Norrkoping.....1
Djurgarden.....0	Halmstad.....2

(game abandoned after 65 minutes because of crowd trouble: soccer federation likely to rule match as 0-3)

FINAL TABLE

Gothenburg	26	12	10	4	43	20	46
Helsingborg	26	12	6	8	42	36	42
Halmstad	26	11	8	7	41	32	41
Malmo	26	9	12	5	32	28	39

Orebro	26	10	8	8	35	29	38
Djurgarden	26	10	8	8	33	33	38
Orgryte	26	9	8	9	22	26	35
AIK	26	7	11	8	34	34	32
Degerfors	26	7	11	8	32	45	32
Trelleborg	26	7	10	9	32	30	31
Oster	26	5	13	8	41	41	28
Norrkoping	26	7	7	12	28	44	28
Hammarby	26	6	8	12	33	40	26
Vastra Frolunda	26	5	10	11	35	45	25

YUGOSLAV LEAGUE

— October 28 —

Division A

Zemun.....3	Buducnost.....0
Becej.....1	Partizan.....1
Napredak.....1	OFK Beograd.....1
Proleter.....0	Radnicki.....0
Red Star.....2	Vojvodina.....1

TABLE

Partizan	12	9	3	0	35	6	30
Red Star	12	10	0	2	36	12	30
Vojvodina	12	8	2	2	25	12	26
Radnicki (N)	12	7	3	2	20	11	24
Becej	12	4	4	4	19	11	16
Zemun	12	4	2	6	12	18	14
Proleter	12	4	2	6	12	18	14
OFK Beograd	12	1	3	8	13	40	6
Napredak	12	1	2	9	9	35	5
Buducnost	12	1	1	10	10	28	4

Division B

Rad.....2	Mladost (L).....0
Mladost (BJ).....1	Cukaricki.....1
Borac.....4	Loznica.....0
Obilic.....2	Radnicki (B).....0
Sloboda.....0	Hajduk.....0

TABLE

Cukaricki	12	6	6	0	19	5	24
Rad	12	6	2	4	21	11	20
Radnicki (B)	12	6	1	5	22	18	19
Mladost (L)	12	5	4	3	12	9	19
Sloboda	12	5	2	5	13	13	17
Borac	12	4	3	5	12	16	15
Obilic	12	3	4	5	16	23	13
Mladost (BJ)	12	3	4	5	13	22	13
Hajduk	12	2	6	4	10	12	12
Loznica	12	3	2	7	15	24	11

CYPRUS'S FIRST DIVISION

— October 23 —

Anorthosis.....1	Apollon.....0
APOEL.....5	Aradippou.....0
Paralimni.....0	Omonia.....1
Aris.....2	Alki.....3
AEK.....0	Olympiakos.....1
AEL.....0	Salamina.....1
Evaghoras.....0	Ethnikos.....0

TABLE

APOEL Nicosia	4	4	0	0	12	1	12
Omonia Nicosia	4	3	1	0	6	2	10
AEL Larnaca	4	3	0	1	9	5	9
Paralimni	4	2	1	1	9	3	7
Ethnikos Ahna	4	2	1	1	7	4	7
Anorthosis F/gusta	4	2	1	1	4	4	7
Apollon Limassol	4	2	0	2	5	3	6
Aris Limassol	4	1	2	1	6	4	5
Evaghoras Paphos	4	1	1	2	6	8	4
Alki Larnaca	4	1	1	2	8	11	4
AEL Limassol	4	1	0	3	6	9	3
Salamina F/gusta	4	1	0	3	3	9	3
Olympiakos Nicosia	4	0	1	3	2	8	1
Omonia Aradippou	4	0	1	3	2	14	1

FRENCH FIRST DIVISION

— October 27 —

Le Havre.....0	Nantes.....1
Strasbourg.....3	St Etienne.....1
Lyon.....1	Bastia.....1
Rennes.....1	Nice.....0
Auxerre.....1	Lille.....2
Martignes.....3	Bordeaux.....1
Cannes.....1	Monaco.....1
Montpellier.....2	Queugnon.....2
Lens.....0	Guingamp.....1
Metz.....0	Paris St Germain.....3

TABLE

Metz	15	9	5	1	17	8	32
Paris St Germain	15	9	4	2	28	12	31
Lens	15	8	5	2	20	11	29
Auxerre	15	8	2	5	27	19	25

Monaco	15	7	4	4	26	19	25
Guingamp	15	6	7	2	13	8	25
Nantes	15	6	6	3	17	14	24
Montpellier	15	6	4	5	21	20	22
Strasbourg	15	5	6	4	21	15	21
Bastia	15	6	3	6	22	22	21
Rennes	15	6	3	6	17	19	21
Nice	15	5	4	6	15	14	19
Bordeaux	15	5	3	7	17	20	18
Lyon	15	3	7	5	14	18	16
Le Havre	15	4	3	8	10	22	15
St Etienne	15	3	5	7	20	26	14
Martignes	15	4	1	10	11	20	13
Lille	15	3	4	8	12	21	13
Queugnon	15	2	7	6	12	21	13
Cannes	15	3	2	10	17	28	11

ALBANIAN FIRST DIVISION

— October 28 —

Partizani.....6	Apolonia.....1
Tirana.....1	Kastrioti.....1
Albpetrol.....1	Beselidhja.....1
Sopoti.....4	Shqiponja.....2
Flamurtari.....3	Laci.....1
Teuta.....3	Olimpik.....0
Vllaznia.....3	Skenderbeu.....0
Tomorri.....1	Shkumbini.....1
Elbasani.....1	Besa.....0

TABLE

Partizani	9	6	1	2	20	9	15
Flamurtari	9	6	1	2	12	5	15
Tirana	9	5	2	2	13	7	1

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Ethnikos.....0	Panathinaikos.....0
AEK.....1	Olympiakos.....1

TABLE

Olympiakos	8	6	2	0	18	4	20
Panathinaikos	8	6	2	0	13	5	20
AEK	8	6	1	1	25	7	19
OFI	8	5	1	2	24	14	16
Ionikos	8	4	2	2	15	13	14
Iraklis	8	4	1	3	16	13	1
PAOK	8	3	3	2	12	10	12
Edessaikos	8	3	3	2	14	13	12
Xanthi	8	3	3	2	10	10	12
Panahaiki	8	4	0	4	11	18	12
Apollon	8	2	3	3	9	8	9
Kalamata	8	2	3	3	16	16	9
Aris	8	2	2	4	8	11	8
Paniliakos	8	2	2	4	9	13	8
Athinaikos	8	2	1	5	7	14	7
Panionios	8	1	3	4	12	16	6
Ethnikos	8	0	1	7	5	21	1
Larissa	8	0	1	7	4	22	1

SPANISH FIRST DIVISION

— October 29 —

Salamanca.....2	Betis.....1
Real Sociedad.....2	Rayo Vallecano.....1
Racing Santander.....0	Zaragoza.....0
Athletic Madrid.....1	Merida.....1
Sporting Gijon.....4	Valladolid.....2
Espanyol.....2	Celta.....2
Albacete.....1	Real Madrid.....1
Compostela.....2	Barcelona.....1
Sevilla.....0	Deportivo Coruna.....0
Valencia.....3	Athletic Bilbao.....1
Tenerife.....3	Oviedo.....3

TABLE

Athletic Madrid	10	8	2	0	20	3	26
Barcelona	10	7	2	1	25	8	23
Espanyol	10	6	3	1	16	6	21
Compostela	10	6	1	3	14	10	19
Valencia	10	5	2	3	14	12	17
Betis	10	4	4	2	15	11	16
Sporting Gijon	10	5	1	4	16	12	16
Real Madrid	10	4	3	3	19	13	15
Deportivo Coruna	10	4	2	4	15	11	14
Real Zaragoza	10	4	2	4	6	10	14
Athletic Bilbao	10	3	4	3	11	12	13
Real Sociedad	10	4	1	5	12	16	13
Tenerife	10	3	4	3	13	17	13
Merida	10	2	5	3	10	11	11
Albacete	10	3	2	5	13	18	11
Valladolid	10	2	3	5	10	12	9
Celta	10	2	3	5	11	16	9
Oviedo	10	2	3	5	12	18	9
Racing Santander	10	2	3	5	9	20	9
Salamanca	10	2	3	5	9	13	9
Rayo Vallecano	10	2	1	7	11	22	7
Sevilla	10	1	4	5	7	17	7

AUSTRIAN FIRST DIVISION

— October 29 —

GAK.....1	Linzer ASK.....0
SV Ried.....0	SV Salzburg.....0
Austria Vienna.....0	Sturm Graz.....3
FC Tirol Innsbruck.....1	Rapid Vienna.....2
Admira Wacker.....4	Vorwaerts Steyr.....1

TABLE

Rapid Vienna	14	10	2	2	28	14	32
Sturm Graz	14	8	2	4	27	14	26
GAK	14	6	4	4	23	18	22
Austria Vienna	14	6	3	5	18	14	21
SV Salzburg	14	4	7	3	17	17	19
SV Ried	14	5	4	5	19	21	19
Linzer ASK	14	4	5	5	11	12	17
FC Tirol Innsbruck	14	4	4	6	20	20	16
Admira Wacker	14	3	6	5	15	22	15
Vorwaerts Steyr	14	0	3	11	8	34	3

SWISS FIRST DIVISION

— October 29 —

St Gallen.....4	Servette.....0
Neuchatel Xamax.....1	Lucerne.....1
Basle.....0	FC Zurich.....3
Aarau.....0	Sion.....1
Lausanne.....2	Young Boys.....0
Grasshopper.....1	FC Lugano.....0

TABLE

Grasshopper	15	11	2	2	29	12	35
Neuchatel	16	10	2	4	31	17	32
Sion	16	10	1	5	26	21	31

Lucerne	16	8	5	3	26	19	29
St Gallen	16	6	6	4	24	16	24
Lausanne	16	5	6	5	20	16	21
Aarau	16	5	4	7	24	21	19
Basle	16	6	1	9	15	24	19
Lugano	15	4	4	7	15	26	16
Servette	16	3	5	8	19	24	14
FC Zurich	16	2	5	9	11	26	11
Young Boys	16	2	5	9	8	26	11

BELGIAN FIRST DIVISION

— October 28 —

Ghent.....3	Beveren.....0
Cercle Brugge.....3	Mechelen.....2
Lierse.....2	Club Brugge.....2
Molenbeek.....4	Seraing.....0
Aalst.....0	Sint-Truiden.....0
Charleroi.....1	Ekeren.....1
Lommel.....2	Harelbeke.....0
Standard Liege.....2	Anderlecht.....4
Antwerp.....2	Waregem.....0

TABLE

Club Brugge	14	8	4	2	31	13	28
Lierse	14	8	4	2	26	15	28
Anderlecht	14	8	3	3	30	16	27
Molenbeek	14	7	6	1	18	10	27
Harelbeke	14	7	2	5	19	16	23
Standard Liege	14	5	6	3	21	15	21
Charleroi	14	5	6	3	27	26	21
Aalst	14	5	5	4	20	18	20
Mechelen	14	5	4	5	20	25	19
Cercle Brugge	14	3	9	2	19	21	18
Antwerp	13	4	3	6	18	20	15
Beveren	14	4	3	7	15	19	15
Ekeren	13	3	6	4	21	17	15
Ghent	14	3	4	7	17	24	13
Sint-Truiden	14	3	4	7	14	25	13
Lommel	14	3	3	8	15	23	12
Seraing	14	3	3	8	15	27	12
Waregem	14	2	3	9	13	29	9

DUTCH FIRST DIVISION

— October 29 —

NEC Nijmegen.....1	F Rotterdam.....3
Twente Enschede.....2	GAE Deventer.....1
Vitesse Arnhem.....5	Fortuna Sittard.....1
Groningen.....0	Utrecht.....0
Volendam.....1	S Rotterdam.....1
PSV Eindhoven.....2	Willem II Tilburg.....0
Heerenveen.....1	NAC Breda.....1
Ajax Amsterdam.....6	Roda JC Kerkrade.....1
Graaafschap D.....1	RKC Waalwijk.....1

TABLE

Ajax Amsterdam	12	12	0	0	47	3	36
PSV Eindhoven	12	10	1	1	38	8	31
Heerenveen	12	6	4	2	21	19	22
Feyenoord Rotterdam	12	6	3	3	30	20	21
Willem II Tilburg	12	5	5	2	25	12	20
Groningen	12	5	3	4	18	20	18
Sparta Rotterdam	12	5	3	4	18	21	18
NAC Breda	12	4	5	3	17	11	17
RKC Waalwijk	12	5	2	5	15	19	17
Vitesse Arnhem	12	4	3	5	19	22	15
Twente Enschede	12	4	3	5	18	22	15
Roda JC Kerkrade	12	3	6	3	10	14	15
NEC Nijmegen	12	3	2	7	14	28	11
Fortuna Sittard	12	3	2	7	11	27	11
Utrecht	12	2	3	7	9	22	9
G'schap Doetinchem	12	1	4	7	13	25	7
Volendam	12	1	4	7	9	27	7
GAE Deventer	12	1	3	8	15	27	6

PORTUGUESE FIRST DIVISION

— October 28 —

Tirsense.....0	Belenenses.....0
Guimaraes.....3	Estrela Amadora.....0
Farense.....0	Porto.....2
Benfica.....3	Leca.....1

TABLE

Porto	9	8	1	0	19	2	25
Benfica	9	6	2	1	12	5	20
Sporting	8	6	1	1	18	5	19
Guimaraes	9	5	2	2	14	9	17
Boavista	8	5	1	2	14	7	16
Belenenses	9	4	2	3	11	9	14
Salgueiros	8	3	4	1	9	5	13
Braga	8	4	1	3	10	14	13
Felgueiras	8	2	4	2	8	7	10
Maritimo	8	3	1	4	14	10	10
Leca	9	2	2	5	8	15	8

Farense	9	2	2	5	7	11	8
Tirsense	9	1	5	3	7	12	8
Gil Vicente	8	2	1	5	6	13	7
Uniao Leiria	8	2	0	6	9	19	6
Chaves	8	1	3	4	11	13	6
Amadora	9	1	3	5	5	10	6
Campomaiorense	8	1	1	6	7	23	4

ROMANIAN FIRST DIVISION

— October 29 —

F.C. Arges Dacia Pitesti	1	Steaua Bucharest	.....2
Rapid Bucharest	.....3	A.S.Bacau	.....0
Otelul Galati	.....1	Politehnica Timisoara	0
F.C. Farul Constanta	...1	Universitatea Cluj	.....0
Gloria Bistrita	.....3	Sportul Studentesc	.....1
F.C. Brasov	.....2	F.C. Inter Sibiu	.....1
Universitatea Craiova	...3	F.C. Petrolul Ploiesti	..0
Ceahlaul Piatra Neamt	..1	Politehnica Iasi	.....0
Dinamo Bucharest	.....0	National Bucharest	...3

TABLE

Steaua Bucharest	13	10	2	1	34	13	32
F.C. Farul Constanta	13	7	2	4	23	15	23
Universitatea Craiova	13	7	2	4	19	12	23
Dinamo Bucharest	13	7	2	4	17	14	23
Rapid Bucharest	13	7	1	5	28	16	22
Gloria Bistrita	13	7	0	6	17	15	21
Ceahlaul Piatra Neamt	13	6	3	4	14	16	21
F.C. N Bucharest	13	6	2	5	21	22	20
F.C. Inter Sibiu	13	5	2	6	15	14	17
Universitatea Cluj	13	5	1	7	18	18	16
Otelul Galati	13	5	1	7	15	16	16
Politehnica Iasi	13	5	1	7	16	28	16
Sportul Studentesc	13	4	3	6	14	15	15
F.C. Petrolul Ploiesti	13	4	3	6	15	18	15
F.C. Brasov	13	4	3	6	12	23	15
A.S. Bacau	13	5	0	8	15	27	15
F.C. A Dacia Pitesti	13	4	2	7	16	21	14
Politehnica Timisoara	13	3	2	8	19	25	11

POLISH FIRST DIVISION

— October 29 —

Rakow Czestochowa.....2	Gornik Zabrze.....2
Pogon Szczecin.....0	Olimpia Poznan.....1
Amica Wronki.....2	Hutnik Krakow.....1
GKS Belchatow.....1	Zaglebie Lubin.....1
Siarka Tarnobrzeg.....1	Lech Poznan.....0
Widzew Lodz.....1	Legia Warszawa.....1
Slask Wroclaw.....3	LKS Ptak Lodz.....0
Stomil Olsztyn.....2	Sokol Pniewy.....1
GKS Katowice.....0	Stal Mielec.....1

TABLE

Widzew Lodz	13	11	2	0	35	7	35
Legia Warszawa	14	11	2	1	35	12	35
Stal Mielec	14	7	1	6	16	21	22
Stomil Olsztyn	13	6	4	3	13	10	22
Lech Poznan	14	6	3	5	22	15	21

Amica Wronki	14	6	2	6	15	15	20
Rakow Czestochowa	14	6	2	6	15	16	20
Hutnik Krakow	14	6	1	7	23	29	19
Pogon Szczecin	14	6	1	7	15	18	19
GKS Katowice	14	5	4	5	15	13	19
LKS Ptak Lodz	14	5	3	6	16	18	18
Zaglebie Lubin	14	4	5	5	15	13	17
Slask Wroclaw	14	4	5	5	13	15	17
Gornik Zabrze	14	4	5	5	20	23	17
Olimpia Poznan	14	5	2	7	15	22	17
Siarka Tarnobrzeg	14	2	6	6	11	21	12
Sokol Pniewy	14	2	4	8	12	26	10
GKS Belchatow	14	2	2	10	13	25	8



SOUTH AMERICA

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CHUMPITAZ A LIVING LEGEND

One of the greatest South American footballers was, without any doubt Hector Chumpitaz, affectionately and respectfully called the "Great Captain of Peruvian Football". Especially in Peru. He played 175 games for the national team from his 1965 debut until his retirement in 1981.

Chumpitaz played in seven Libertadores Cups. 1966, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72 and 73 totalling 67 games for his beloved club Universitario. Another record difficult to match in Peruvian football.

In the country of the "Incas", the Libertadores Cup is synonymous with Universitario de Deportes and Hector Chumpitaz.

The best performances of Peruvian soccer in the major South American championship, at club level, occurred during the 70s when under "Chumpi's" leadership Universitario reached the finals in 1972, a tournament won by Independiente of Argentina.

"Among the best memories I cherish as a player, I must refer to two Libertadores Cups, curiously enough, both played against



Argentine clubs.

"The first was in 1967 when our squad reached the semifinals for the first time, something that through the years seemed unattainable for Peruvian football until then.

"It also marked the beginning of an outstanding generation of players such as Challe, Cruzado, Percy Rojas and La Fuente," said Chumpitaz.

"And the other everlasting memory refers to 1972, when for the first time, a team from the Pacific coast managed to get to a final, where we were defeated by undoubtedly one of the greatest sides in South America: Independiente."

"Chumpi's" first Libertadores Cup assignment was in 1966 when they started in good form beating arch rival Alianza Lima, 2-0. "But later they were

eliminated together with Alianza and Venezuelan clubs Deportivo Italiano and Deportivo Lara. Only River Plate and Boca Juniors succeeded in qualifying.

"The most beautiful pictures I evoke, those you cherish like the one referred to your first football shoes, your first uniform, are centered in that 1967 Cup campaign.

"Other participants were Sport Boys also from Peru, Cruzeiro of Brazil and Deportivo Italia and Galicia from Venezuela.

"We managed to qualify for the semi-final together with Cruzeiro and passed on to the series wherein River Plate and Racing of Argentina played.

"We arrived in June, in the midst of Buenos Aires's winter, and just because Alianza was the only team who defeated Boca Juniors, everybody probably thought that Universitario would never make it. But in our debut we defeated River Plate, 1-0, at their own Monumental Stadium and 48 hours later we beat Racing by 2-1 in Avellaneda.

"We returned with the four points and the first team to qualify, but something unbelievable happened to me at the match we played in

Lima, against River Plate.

"We needed to win to secure a berth in the final, but Gatti, the legendary Argentine goalkeeper, intercepted my penalty shot and we drew 2-2, thus ending up on equal points with Racing.

"A third match had to be played to decide the outcome on a neutral ground. Santiago de Chile was chosen and on a rainy evening, on a muddy pitch we lost 2-1.

"It was the first time we had got so far as to brush past glory", said Chumpi remembering those times.

The 1972 Libertadores Cup was the lengthiest for Universitario, but incomplete for Hector Chumpitaz, who played in the first round against Alianza Lima, San Felipe and Universidad de Chile, both from Chile, but he was called by Hungarian coach Lajos Baroti to go on a European tour with the Peruvian national team.

Back from the tour, Universitario marched on without several regular members of the club until the final, eliminating on their way Penarol and Nacional of Uruguay.

The great final against Independiente, demanded the presence of all players, with Hector Chumpitaz leading them. But they lost in Lima, 2-1, and in Buenos Aires by a similar scoreline.

Hector Chumpitaz never won a Cup. Nevertheless, he won the admiration, the respect and the love of the whole international football community.

The "Great Captain" will always be a symbol of the Libertadores Cup, and a living legend and true expression of Peruvian soccer.

Flamengo struggle in championship

An official from a Brazilian club Flamengo said last week, five European clubs had made offers for international striker Edmundo, but they would not consider any of them until the end of the year.

Flamengo director Mauricio Menezes said the bids for Edmundo — nicknamed "The Animal" — had come from three clubs in Italy, one in Spain and one in England. But he would not identify them.

"All have come via

agents," he said.

"Edmundo will continue to be a Flamengo player until the end of the Brazilian championship."

The tournament finishes in December.

"In fact, we are not thinking of selling any of our players until then," added Menezes, who also said that offers had been received for promising young winger Savio.

Edmundo, who joined Flamengo for \$A6.72 million in May after a successful spell

with Palmeiras, has had trouble settling with his new club.

His striking partnership with World Cup star Romario, dubbed the "dream attack", has failed to produce the anticipated success and Flamengo is struggling in the Brazilian championship.

"He is not enjoying the best of form, he hasn't adapted very well and this has led the agents to think they can buy him cheaply and resell him," added Menezes.



Edmundo: Offers from European clubs.

RESULTS & TABLES

BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

— October 23 —
Second Stage

Atletico Mineiro	1	Bragantino	1
Bahia	2	Flamengo	2
Criciuma	1	Corinthians	1
Fluminense	2	Vitoria	1
Goiás	3	Guarani	1
Internacional	2	Palmeiras	0
Portuguesa	3	Gremio	2
Santos	2	Cruzeiro	1
Sport Recife	2	Botafogo	2
Uniao Sao Joao	2	Parana	1
Vasco da Gama	6	Paysandu	1

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Ttl.
Corinthians	3	2	1	0	5	2	7	15
Botafogo	3	2	1	0	4	1	7	25
Guarani	3	2	0	1	7	6	6	18
Bragantino	3	1	2	0	8	5	5	26
Flamengo	3	1	2	0	3	2	5	13
Palmeiras	2	1	0	1	1	2	3	26
Gremio	4	1	0	3	5	8	3	15
Juventude	3	0	2	1	4	6	2	14
Parana	3	0	1	2	3	5	1	20
Paysandu	3	0	1	2	4	12	1	11
Cruzeiro	3	0	0	3	3	7	0	25
Vitoria	3	0	0	3	2	7	0	11

Group B

Santos	4	2	2	0	11	7	8	27
Intern.	3	2	1	0	5	1	7	28
Goiás	2	2	0	0	5	2	6	22
Vasco Gama	3	2	0	1	9	4	6	17
Sport Recife	3	2	0	1	6	3	6	18
Bahia	3	1	2	0	5	4	5	19

Fluminense	3	1	2	0	3	2	5	26
Criciuma	3	1	1	1	5	3	4	19
Atletico M.	3	1	1	1	4	4	4	15
Uniao Sao J.	3	1	0	2	3	5	3	7
Portuguesa	3	1	0	2	3	6	3	21
Sao Paulo	3	0	1	2	4	8	1	20

Note: Winners of each group in the first stage (Cruzeiro and Fluminense) and winners of each group in the second stage qualify for the semi-finals.

If teams are level on points, places are decided by the number of games won. In the first stage, the teams play against other sides in their own group, in the second stage they play teams from the other group.

If the same team wins their group in both stages, the team in their group with the most points over the first two stages combined also qualify for the semi-finals.

SUPERCUP

QUARTER FINAL First Leg

In Montevideo: Nacional (Uruguay) 0 Flamengo (Brazil) 1 (halftime 0-1)
Scorer: Savio (30th minute, penalty)
Attendance: 22,000
In Medellin, Colombia: Atletico Nacional (Colombia) 1 Independiente (Argentina) 0 (1-0)
Scorer: Francisco Mosquera (35th)
Attendance: 25,000.

Four Cruzeiro players dismissed in Supercup

A South American Supercup match between Brazilian sides Cruzeiro and Sao Paulo was called off early in the second half after four Cruzeiro players were sent off and another pulled up, apparently with an injury which stopped him playing.

The four sent off were all dismissed during a tumultuous finish to the first half, sparked by an unsavoury incident in which Cruzeiro defender

Rogério kicked an opponent.

Rogério was instantly shown the red card, leading other Cruzeiro players to surround the referee and protest furiously.

The confusion, which came with Sao Paulo leading 1-0, held up play for several minutes and led to red cards for central defender Vanderci and midfielders Fabinho and Marcelo. Then at the start of the second half Cruzeiro's



Luis Fernando Gomes suddenly pulled up, seemingly with a calf muscle injury.

The team doctor said Gomes could not continue, forcing the referee to

abandon the match as Cruzeiro, who had used all their three substitutes, were down to six players — below the minimum number needed.

Sao Paulo, playing away from home in Tuesday's quarter-final, first leg game, had taken the lead through former international Palhinha in the ninth minute. The South American Supercup, which Cruzeiro have won twice, is played every year between past winners of the Libertadores Cup.

Raith spoil Rangers away record

Scottish League Cup holders Raith Rovers, came from behind to draw 2-2 with champions Rangers on Saturday. These goals were the first conceded by Rangers away from home this season.

Raith went ahead in the 50th minute when Danny Lennon scored from 15 metres from a pass by Stevie Crawford.

Rangers, who had won their first four away league games keeping a clean sheet, hit back within five minutes through Russian

international Oleg Salenko, who touched home a header by captain Richard Gough. Another of Rangers' eastern European imports, Yugoslav Gordan Petric, put the champions ahead in the 66th minute, heading home a Paul Gascoigne corner.

But Raith equalised a minute later through striker Colin Cameron.

Celtic, without German striker Andreas Thom and Scotland midfielder John Collins, beat Aberdeen 2-0 at home to cut Rangers' lead to four points.

Brian McLaughlin and Dutchman Pierre van Hooydonk, with a penalty, scored either side of the interval to deny Aberdeen a double over the big Glasgow clubs after they beat Rangers in their League Cup semi-final at Hampden Park on Tuesday.

Hibernian leapt over Aberdeen into third place with a 2-0 home win over Kilmarnock. Northern Ireland international Michael O'Neill, and Keith Wright, who has one Scotland cap, scored.

Spurs lose star

Anderton needs groin operation

Tottenham and England winger Darren Anderton is unlikely to play again before Christmas because he almost certainly needs surgery on an injured groin, manager Gerry Francis said.

The player will see a specialist on Monday (October 30) and is likely to have surgery to fix the injury which has restricted his appearances this season to just two full matches.

"He will be seeing the specialist because his injury hasn't really cleared up, which is very disappointing," said Francis.

"It's his groin, and nothing to do with the hernia problem he had. But the specialist is looking at him with a view to another operation."

Anderton has not played since being substituted in the second half of Tottenham's 3-2 win over Queens Park Rangers on September 25.



Darren Anderton: Trouble finishing games.

NEWCASTLE STAY AHEAD OF UNITED

French forward David Ginola (right) scored a spectacular solo equaliser as Newcastle gained a 1-1 draw at Tottenham on Sunday to move two points clear at the top of the English Premier League.

The former Paris Saint Germain star netted in the 47th minute to cancel out Chris Armstrong's 15th minute header for Tottenham.

Newcastle heads Manchester United, which scored a 2-0 victory over Middlesbrough.

In a high-quality game before 32,000 fans at White Hart Lane, Spurs goalkeeper Ian Walker almost gave a goal away in the sixth minute.

He raced out of his area to tackle winger Keith Gillespie, whose angled shot rolled across the face of an empty net.

Les Ferdinand, trying to tie a Newcastle record of scoring in nine games in a row, headed against the crossbar in the 15th minute from Gillespie's right-wing centre.

Seconds after Spurs claimed a penalty for



handball by Newcastle defender Gavin Peacock, Armstrong headed them in front.

A poor clearance by Scott Sellars went straight to Dean Austin, whose first time centre found the striker unmarked for a free header over stranded goalkeeper Shaka Hislop.

The equaliser came two minutes into the second half.

Ginola collected the ball wide on the left and 30m from goal but burst through Austin and Ruel Fox before running on to drive the ball past Walker from 12m.

England striker Teddy Sheringham almost regained the lead in the 67th minute after a slick Spurs move but his first-time shot was expertly saved one-handed by the diving Hislop.

Nine minutes from the end, Ferdinand had a close range chance from Gillespie's looping centre but his header was palmed away by Walker.

Deep into injury time, Ferdinand was put clear of the Spurs defence by Peter Beardsley but delayed shooting and was foiled by a combination of goalkeeper Walker and substitute Gerry McMahon.

In Division One action, Birmingham City, promoted last season, moved up to second place with a 2-1 victory at last place Port Vale.

Charlton gained a 1-0 victory at lowly Luton and Tranmere forced a 1-1 draw with Norwich at Carrow Road.

Draws for leaders

Olympiakos-Piraeus and Panathinaikos of Athens remained locked at the top of the Greek first division after the weekend's 8th round matches in which both teams drew.

Olympiakos gained a hard fought 1-1 away draw with third-placed AEK of Athens.

Ethnikos, playing at home, held Panathinaikos to a goalless draw, winning its first point of the season and depriving its crosstown rival from taking the league lead.

Both games were played Saturday.

Olympiakos and Panathinaikos have 20 points each, with Olympiakos having an 18-4 goal record and Panathinaikos 13-5. AEK followed with 19 points.

In the weekend's major clash, Olympiakos and AEK were continually pressing against each other's defence, forcing the two goalkeepers into several spectacular saves that kept the result even.

In the 81st minute, former Socceroo Christos Kalantzis opened the score for Olympiakos with a thundering free kick from



Chris Kalantzis: Notched a thunderous free kick.

outside the penalty area that left AEK's defenders flat footed.

But two minutes before the end, Christos Costis scored for the home team, exploiting a mistake by goalie Fotis Strakosia who

came out to block the ball, missed, and left the goal mouth gaping for the attacking midfielder.

OFI Crete, playing at home in Iraklion, beat Aris-Salonica 2-0 to stay in fourth place, with 16 points.

VIOLENCE IN ITALY

More than 40 people were injured, one with gunshot wounds, and 20 arrested, as rival fans rioted after a third division match at Nocera near Naples, the Italian news agency ANSA reported on Sunday.

Hundreds of fans of Nocerina attacked visiting supporters from Savoia as they were leaving the San Francesco stadium after the teams drew 0-0. They threw stones, set fire to rubbish bins and engaged in running battles with police.

One fan, Alfonso Contursi, 24, was taken to hospital after being hit by gunfire in the left leg while six policemen are also undergoing treatment. Police used tear gas to restore order, herding Savoia's fans back into the stadium and arresting 20 people.

Reinforcements were drafted into Nocera from nearby Naples and Salerno to protect visiting fans.

GREAT'S MEDAL

Former England centre forward Tommy Lawton, 76, has had a sporting medal returned — 46 years after it was stolen from him.

Lawton, who played for Arsenal, Burnley, Everton and Notts County in a distinguished career, was awarded the inscribed medal in 1949 for being among the country's top 12 sportsmen in a national ballot. It was stolen soon afterwards, but was discovered recently in a box of memorabilia given to a Notts County fan, who then returned it to his boyhood idol.

Lawton said: "I thought it had gone forever. It's nice to know there are still some honest people about."

FEYENOORD SUCCESS

A much-improved second-half performance earned Feyenoord a 3-1 win over NEC Nijmegen in the Dutch league last Sunday ahead of Thursday's clash with Everton in the European Cup Winners' Cup.

Nijmegen, languishing in the bottom half of the table, took the lead with a 19th-minute goal from striker Patrick Pothuizen.

But things began to improve for Feyenoord in the second half after substitute striker Regi Blinker came on to replace Giovanni van Bronckhorst.

The equalizer arrived in the 47th minute from midfielder Tomek Iwan. Orlando Trustfull scored a second in the 63rd minute and Blinker himself added Feyenoord's third.

The win lifts Feyenoord to fourth place in the first division but still leaves it 15 points adrift of leader Ajax Amsterdam, which beat Roda JC Kerkrade 6-1 on Saturday.

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Three people I'm extremely happy to be able to call "friends" and that's something no-one can ever have enough of. Cheers lads, appreciated as ever.

Lastly though, we have to think the real "stars" of the entire evening — the supporters. Great to see so many of the "regular heads" and plenty of new ones because, if the fans didn't turn up, these nights wouldn't be what they are, fun, friendship and charity fund raisers.

Take Bobby Reid and the Rooty Hill Rangers Supporters Club for example, they hired a coach to come down to the event and then proceeded to pay additional amounts of cash for items, often bidding over themselves to help out.

Fantastic bunch of lads and a credit to their club (incidentally, they meet every 4th Monday of the month at the Campbelltown Tennis Club I think but give Bobby a ring on (02) 832-1752. Alan McNair, Rep of the Falkirk Supporters Club and all round nice guy, (have a great time in Fiji mate and bring home the trophy). Joe Taylor, one of my members, (whom I'll see at the Arsenal v Chelsea game on December 16), Noel from QPR, the Plymouth Argyle couple, Jimmy who travelled in from Doonside and not forgetting Gazza, Phizza and Nobby (Oh Nobby, Nobby — celery, celery) from

Galaxy and everyone else who turned up on what proved to be one of the worst nights, weatherwise, we've encountered for many months.

There are many more people whom I have not mentioned but to each and everyone of you, the UKSSD/AFSA applauds you all. Thankyou.

The good news is that this WILL be an annual event and next years is already in the planning and has been for some time. It will be bigger, better and even more fun than this one, (if that's at all possible) and if everyone digs as deeply into their pockets as they did this year, will prove to be a record breaking evening.



Please remember, it's not a "me and us" situation, it's not about any individual or select group but it is about fun, friendship and having a good time together as "real football fans" supporting human beings. It's a chance to throw off the shackles we are all burdened with that states "all footie fans are hooligans, sub human's with a collective IQ lower than that of Salman Rushdie book sales in the far east!"

Raising a few bob along the way is a bonus. Indeed, Care Flight have asked us to present a cheque to

them at our next event which will probably be a BBQ in the park again (around the end of January). Beware of imitations! Don't be taken for a ride?

Last mention though, and this is a special one, goes to Peter Forrest who paid \$50 for the Darlington shirt and 20 minutes later donated it back to the auction. It was then bought by another lad who paid \$40 for it so making the actual sale price \$90.

Indeed, Peter turned out to be a bit of a larrikin and had those assembled in stitches on a number of occasions. One such incident was during the sale of an item — not mentioned to avoid embarrassment — which was not going all that well at the time, "Pash and Tilly" were doing their utmost against stubborn opposition when the immortal words of Mr Forrest rang out: "I'll give you \$20 for the plastic bag"! That epitomised the fun of the evening and when the laughter died down, the item eventually sold for a slightly higher price. Well done that man!

And so, until next time, many thanks for your support, your cash and the fun, much appreciated. Be lucky.

As promised last week, news of the brand new St George Soccer Supporters Club. All members will receive:

- A season ticket for home games
- Membership Card
- Baseball Cap
- Newsletter (frequency

to be decided) ■ Letter of thanks/welcome from the Chairman

There may be one or two things further down the track (player/supporter days etc) but for more details please ring: (02) 570-9451. If you're a dedicated St George supporter or want to know more, please keep trying this number if you are not successful first time.

It's always a great feeling to "belong" so support your club, wear the colours and always take pride in doing so, it's what being a supporter is all about. The supporters club is being run by the club, for the supporters of the club. You know it makes sense and well done once again for taking the initiative.

It's now time for you all to get involved. Due to familial reasons, I will be returning to the UK in a few weeks time which leaves us with the small problem of this column whilst I'm gone. What you can do is write in with your thoughts on the game in the UK, where you see it going, your favourite moment from the sport etc.

The best entries will probably be published so don't forget to pop a passport sized photo in too. Please keep your letters etc, down to 500 words or so and send them in quickly.

I will, of course, be sending over a few lines from time to time, with the latest gossip etc and possibly with some news of an event we're in the midst of organising (weather

permitting and with the club's help?) at present. If it comes off it will be a lot of fun and will hopefully raise another few bob for a charity (to be named) in the UK.

More news of that at a later date though. The important thing is this, get your entires in NOW or miss out. This also includes any items of merchandise you may want for Christmas, be it books, shirts, scarves, videos, T-shirts, mini-leaguers etc. Our prices are lower than just about anywhere and all merchandise is authentic and "officially produced", we don't deal in second rate rubbish.

The address to write to is: PO Box 56, Kingsway West, NSW 2208 or FAX (02) 554-3888.

Last Saturday (28th) saw England play Chile — you didn't hear about it? — at Lidcombe Oval in the semi-finals of the Sydney Soccer World Cup. Unfortunately, news didn't arrive in time to report this to you and the result is unknown because the game is still two days away.

However, for more details of this, please ring Peter Berry on (02) 896-4582. Peter adds, "most outstanding supporter (be vocal and in England colours) will be presented with a prize".

Hopefully, details of the final and next years competition will arrive in time to relate the details to you but we wish the lads all the very best and a "well done" for reaching this stage of the competition.

F A N Z I N E R E V U E

LEFT FOOT FORWARD

A year in the life of a journeyman footballer
By GARY NELSON

When anyone thinks of a football player, thoughts automatically turn to the stars of the day, the Giggs, Wright's and Shearers's. These are the "big money" players who live the life of Riley, sipping cool drinks next to the pool or driving around in Jags or a Mercedes perhaps.

This is a fairly accurate description of some perhaps, not particularly those mentioned, and indeed life is good at the top but those that make it there are in the minority and not the norm.

What's it like for the rest, the majority of players whose dreams

and aspirations are as high as anyone else's but where reality governs their actions?

What's life like for the first, second and third division players who equally fantasise of the "big move", playing for England, winning the FA Cup etc? LEFT FOOT FORWARD is a book that makes many inroads and more than gives an insight into everyday life outside the top flight.

Gary Nelson made his debut for Southend United in 1979 and has made over 600 league appearances since that time, scored over 100 league goals and built up a reputation for being one of the games "model professionals" (south of the border of course but could equally fit any player in any league throughout the world).

This will more than likely be his last season as a player because at 34, playing in the "stiffs" would

have to be seen as an anti-climax after many years of service to the game. A well educated family man, this book is a daily account of the 1994/95 pre-season training plus the dizzy heights and lows of the year.

This book reaches areas that other pro-players have never been able to relate before. It takes you on a journey that is both compulsive reading and witty. Gary is not "full of himself" but tells it exactly how it is and what it's all about: The family holiday, pre-season training, pre-season friendlies and the league itself.

Having to "haggle" over the bonus payments is not something you associate with the "elite clubs" but is part and parcel for these guys. Could you imagine Les Ferdinand, for example, having to go to Kevin Keegan to ask for an

"extra few quid" if the team is in the top half of the table? Probably not!

The passion for the game is evident for all to read but one thing Gary points out is, when he hears the fans chant "There's only one Gary Nelson", he is proud to hear it but it's not true. Not true in the sense that every player in the lower leagues is a Gary Nelson but this does not stop them giving 100%. This sums up Gary Nelson the man. Unselfish, worried, proud to be a player but with no illusions or pretention in sight. As a realist, Gary looks at his career and especially the final chapter of it, the last season.

Experience the highs and lows, the triumphs and defeats plus all the emotion you can handle but dealt with openly and honestly.

As an account of the 94/95 season of Charlton Athletic from

the players point of view, all their fans will want to read this book. However, LEFT FOOT FORWARD will go down as a classic of football writing in years to come, a true and accurate account of life outside the "Premiership". It will open many eyes as you share the joy, laugh at the sardonic wit and suffer, along with the author, through the trials and tribulations of everyday life.

The book concentrates more on the "comeback" game in front of a few hard core fans at the other end of the country or the mounting injury crisis, where you almost need to take a seat and wait to get into the treatment room, than the often thought of "glamour and glitz" of the game we love.

A masterful insight into the game and what it's like to turn out for various clubs (Southend, Brighton & Hove Albion,

Charlton etc) Published by "Hodder Headline", it should be available at all good bookshops (or get them to contact the above) and would make an ideal Christmas present for the ardent fan.

LEFT FOOT FORWARD: Gary Nelson is absolutely brilliant, a book that cannot be put down and highly recommended to all fans and supporters, irrespective of the club they follow. It draws you in as though it's actually you who's living the life, writing the words, as though it's your own memory you're writing from.

Publications of this nature come along few and far between and is most certainly a "top 10" book on the football shopping list. Here we only scratch the surface but read it yourself for the whole unblemished story.

Bloody marvellous! 10 out of 10.

UK SOCCER SUPPORTERS DOWNUNDER

RACIAL HARMONY AIM OF CLUBS

BY STUART JONES

ONE aspect of football over the years in England was the lack of any players who were not white.

Over the last 15 years this has changed.

Now some of the great players do not have to be denied due to the colour of their skin.

Even teams like Celtic have players from different backgrounds.

However in many cases the attitude of the crowd to these players is very poor.

John Fashanu once told of how his then mates once barracked him from the crowd.

They pretended he was a monkey and offered bananas.

Suffice to say he has not seen them since.

There are many other cases but over the last few

RATINGS OF ENGLISH GROUNDS

TEAM GROUND ADDRESS	BRISTOL CITY Ashton Gate Bristol BS3 2EJ	BRISTOL ROVERS Twerton Park Twerton Bath BA2 1DB	BURNLEY Turf Moor Burnley BB104BX
CAPACITY	20,000	8,943	22,966
RECORD GATE	43,335 (1935)	9,464 (1992)	54,775 (1924)
DEBUT	1904	1986	1882
BY RAIL	Bristol Temple Meads	Bath Spa	Burnley Central
COMMENTS	Old ground newly renovated. One of the best in second division and painted all red.	The quicker out the better for the Pirates. A non league ground for sure!	Should improve with new stand. The famous old terraces had to go but they were impressive!
ACCESSIBILITY RATING/5	3.5	1.5	4
OVERALL GROUND RATING: /10	6	2.5	6

years they have declined.

Many anti racist organisations have arisen to

combat the problem.

'Kick' is a magazine from the Professional Footballers

Association trying to change racist attitudes.

The commission for racial

equality regularly attends games and gives out merchandise promoting racial harmony.

The fanzines also provide information to how to rid the game of racism.

These all aim at the current crop of supporters. Unfortunately many of these supporters will not change their attitudes as they have grown up around the attitudes of others and will copy them.

One of the most interesting campaigns was that of the publicity officer of Leyton Orient.

He developed a play by Clifford Oliver that could be shown to schools.

It is called "kicking out" and has toured the whole country.

He said that the aim was to educate the new wave of supporters.

These youngsters will influence others around them. That way the game can weed out the racist attitudes as younger supporters go along to games.

It seems that racism against black players in the UK is being reduced.

However it is still there.

Whilst at Newcastle Andy Cole's family copped a barrage of abuse from some sections of St James Park.

The crowd did not know who they were but that kind of abuse is not acceptable.

However it is not just racism towards black players.

The day Millwall played Bolton the referee was a Pakistani gentleman.

The racist taunts were totally unacceptable.

Little children were



John Fashanu: Dropped so called mates.

yelling racist comments along with their fathers.

The stewards, many of whom happened to be Asian, just ignored them so as not to incite the crowd.

It really affected my attitude to Millwall.

You do not see many Asian players in the Scottish or English leagues. In fact here is only one currently, playing for Bradford City.

Harvey Lim used to be goalkeeper for Gillingham a few years ago.

Bradford City's ground is right on Mannington Road where most of the Asian population live.

Yet where are all the Asian players?

The leagues are yet to be truly representative of the

male population.

Bradford, to its credit, has now started a training program for the Asian community.

Whilst many advances have been made in football in regards to racism there are still communities totally ignored.

Let us never assume racism have gone away.

If we do it will creep back and will ruin the world game.

Finally what of an England team (not so unrealistic) like this: Shaka Hislop, Clive Wilson, Sol Campbell, Des Walker, Earle Barrett, John Barnes, Paul Ince, Ruel Fox, Stan Collymore, Ian Wright, Les Ferdinand, Reserves:

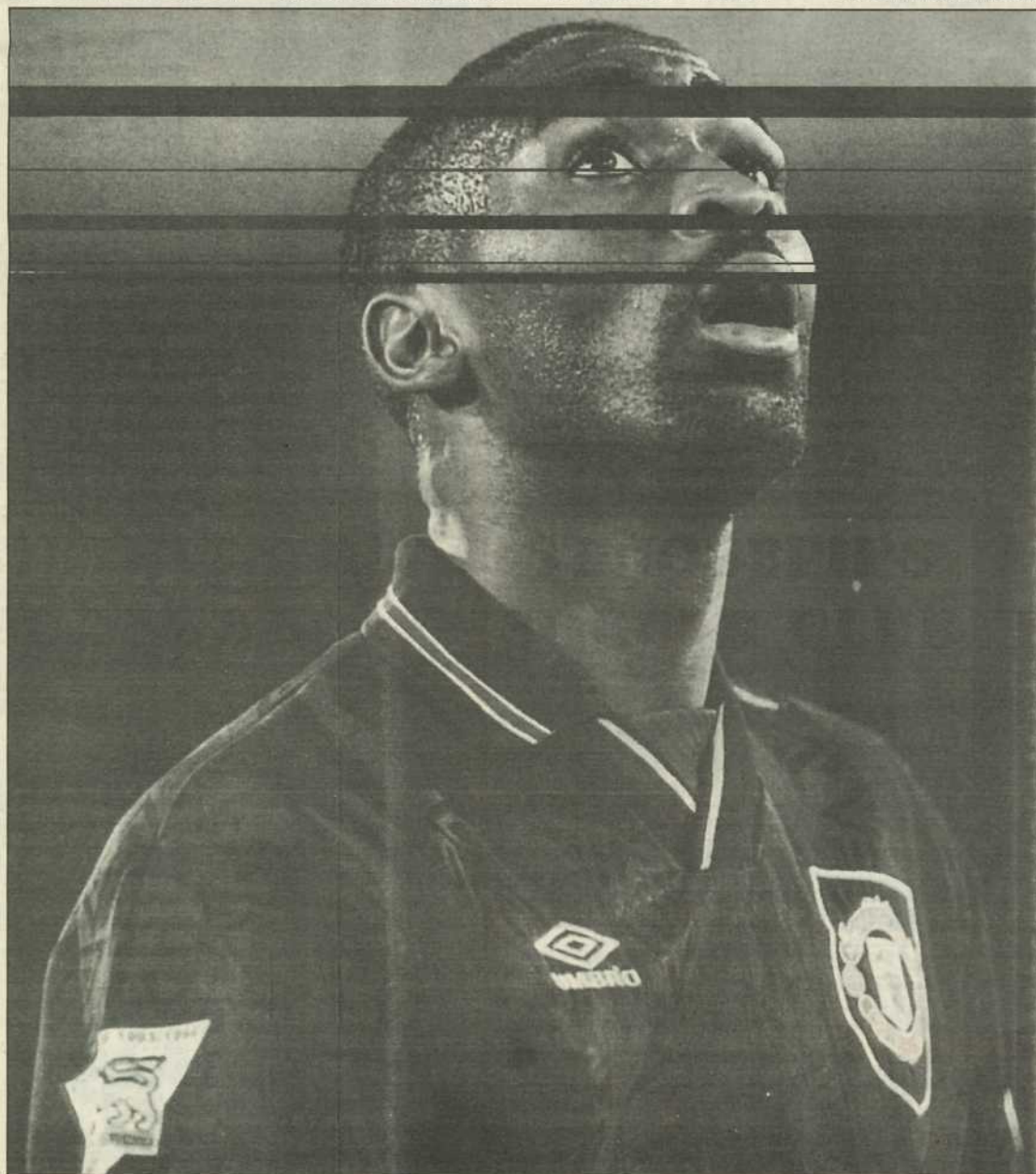
Paul Parker, Julian Joachim, Andy Cole.

CLUB DIARY

UK CUP — Melbourne. The annual UK Cup will take place on Sunday 12th November at Waverley City Soccer Club, Sixth Ave, Burwood (Melway ref. 60 J8).

This event is supported by all the UK supporters clubs in the Melbourne area and includes: Full catering facilities with a licensed bar, Guinness on tap and a host of other stuff for the kids. Proudly sponsored by Waverley City, Bayswater Indoor soccer Centre and Brit Print, it just gets better every year.

For more details of what's in store ring JACK HULSE (03) 9782-4457, PETER HART (03) 9484-1797 or NORM WILCOCKS (03) 9801-2312 (mobile 018 036 356). May the best team win (hopefully Arsenal with Dave Ball in charge) and good luck to the holders Manchester City (if memory serves correctly).



Andy Cole: Family copped abuse at St. James' Park.

'6 FROM 38 POOLS

THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

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SAT. 4th NOVEMBER, 1995

ENGLISH PREMIER DIVISION	ARSENAL	MAN. UTD	1
	CHELSEA	SHEFF. WED.	2
	COVENTRY	TOTTENHAM	3
	MAN. CITY	BOLTON	4
	MIDDLESBRO	LEEDS	5
	NEWCASTLE	LIVERPOOL	6
	NOTTINGHAM F.	WIMBLEDON	7
	SOUTHAMPTON	QPR	8
	WEST HAM	ASTON VILLA	9
ENGLISH DIVISION 1	BARNLEY	WOLVES	10
	CRYSTAL P.	READING	11
	HUDDERSFIELD	NORWICH	12
	IPSWICH	GRIMSBY	13
	SHEFF. UTD.	PORTSMOUTH	14
	STOKE	LUTON	15
	TRANMERE	DERBY	16
	WATFORD	SOUTHEND	17
	BRENTFORD	SHREWSBURY	18
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	BRISTOL R.	PETERBORO	19
	BURNLEY	NOTTS COUNTY	20
	CARLISLE	BRIGHTON	21
	CHESTERFIELD	BRADFORD C.	22
	HULL	WREXHAM	23
	OXFORD UTD.	BRISTOL C.	24
	ROTHERHAM	CREWE	25
	SWANSEA	WYCOMBE	26
	SWINDON	BLACKPOOL	27
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	WALSALL	BOURNEMOUTH	28
	YORK	STOCKPORT	29
	BARNET	DONCASTER	30
	BURY	DARLINGTON	31
	CAMBRIDGE U.	SCARBORO	32
	CHESTER	TORQUAY	33
	COLCHESTER	EXETER	34
	GILLINGHAM	NORTHAMPTON	35
	HEREFORD	MANSFIELD	36
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	LINCOLN	HARTLEPOOL	37
	PLYMOUTH	CARDIFF	38
	PRESTON	LEYTON O.	39
	SCUNTHORPE	ROCHDALE	40
	WIGAN A.	FULHAM	41
	ABERDEEN	HIBERNIAN	42
	HEARTS	PARTICK	43
	KILMARNOCK	RAITH	44
	MOTHERWELL	CELTIC	45
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIV.	RANGERS	FALKIRK	46
	DUMBARTON	ST. JOHNSTONE	47
	G'N'CK MORTON	AIRDRIE	48
	AYR	STIRLING A.	49
	CLYDE	MONTROSE	50
	EAST FIFE	STRANRAER	51
	Q. OF SOUTH	FORFAR	52
	STENH'UIR	BERWICK	53
	ALBION R.	ROSS COUNTY	54
SCOT DIV. 3	ALLOA	LIVINGSTONE	55

RESERVE MATCHES

GET YOUR POOLS IN

Don't forget
Pools Quick Pick

MATCH RESULTS

WEEK 535

SAT. 28th OCTOBER, 1995

ENGLISH PREMIER DIVISION	ASTON VILLA	EVERTON	1	1-0
	BLACKBURN	CHELSEA	2	3-0
	LEEDS	COVENTRY	3	3-1
	LIVERPOOL	MAN. CITY	4	6-0
	MAN. UNITED	MIDDLESBRO	5	2-0
	Q.P.R.	NOTTINGHAM F.	6	1-1
	SHEFF. WED.	WEST HAM	7	0-1
	WIMBLEDON	SOUTHAMPTON	8	1-2
	GRIMSBY	STOKE	9	1-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 1	LEICESTER	CRYSTAL P.	10	2-3
	MILLWALL	WEST BROM.	11	2-1
	PORTSMOUTH	WATFORD	12	4-2
	READING	IPSWICH	13	1-4
	SOUTHEND	HUDDERSFIELD	14	0-0
	SUNDERLAND	BARNLEY	15	2-1
	WOLVES	SHEFF. UNITED	16	1-0
	BLACKPOOL	OXFORD UTD.	17	1-1
	BOURNEMOUTH	CARLISLE	18	2-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	BRADFORD C.	BURNLEY	19	2-2
	BRIGHTON	BRISTOL R.	20	2-0
	BRISTOL C.	WALSALL	21	0-2
	CREWE	BRENTFORD	22	3-1
	NOTTS COUNTY	SWINDON	23	1-3
	PETERBORO	YORK	24	6-1
	SHREWSBURY	ROTHERHAM	25	3-1
	STOCKPORT	CHESTERFIELD	26	0-1
	WREXHAM	SWANSEA	27	1-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	WYCOMBE	HULL	28	2-2
	CARDIFF	COLCHESTER	29	1-2
	DARLINGTON	PLYMOUTH	30	2-0
	DONCASTER	PRESTON	31	2-2
	EXETER	LINCOLN	32	1-1
	FULHAM	HEREFORD	33	0-0
	HARTLEPOOL	GILLINGHAM	34	1-1
	LEYTON O.	WIGAN A.	35	1-1
	MANSFIELD	BURY	36	1-5
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	NORTHAMPTON	BARNET	37	0-2
	ROCHDALE	CAMBRIDGE U.	38	3-1

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND HOTLINES

Phone: 0055 33111 Australia, Wide. Or, Sydney
0055 29043; Melbourne (03) 11521; Brisbane (07)
11699; Adelaide (08) 11521; Perth (09) 11520.
Results are available from 8pm.
Sundays, dividends after 5pm Mondays.

THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 28/10/95 WEEK 535

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURED										NO. OF WEEKS NUMBER OCCURED									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60

Results History is from Week 38, the start of six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF WEEK 535 SAT. OCTOBER 28, 1995

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):

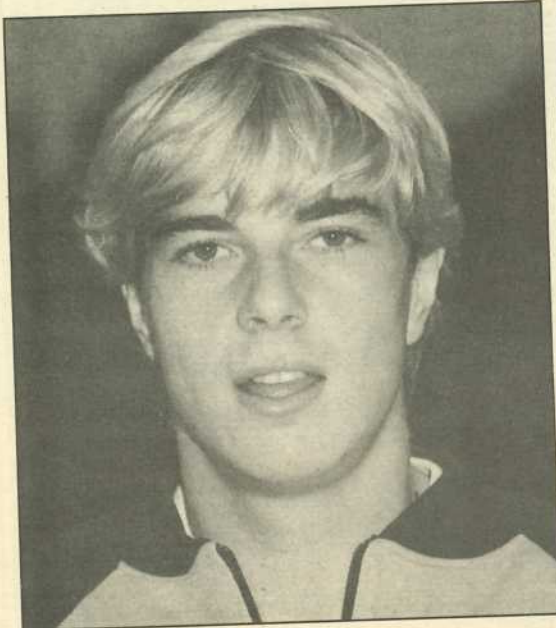
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SOCCER POOLS FORM GUIDE

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE								DIVISION THREE							
Newcastle	11	9	1	1	27	8	28	Gillingham	14	8	4	2	22	6	28
Manchester United	11	8	2	1	23	11	26	Preston	14	6	7	1	31	16	25
Liverpool	11	7	2	2	24	8	23	Rochdale	14	7	4	3	28	14	25
Arsenal	10	6	3	1	15	5	21	Colchester	14	7	4	3	23	15	25
Nottingham Forest	11	5	6	0	19	12	21	Chester	14	7	4	3	22	14	25
Middlesbrough	11	6	3	2	11	6	21	Plymouth	14	7	2	5	25	17	23
Aston Villa	11	6	2	3	13	8	20	Darlington	14	5	6	3	16	12	21
Leeds	11	6	2	3	17	13	20	Wigan	14	5	5	4	19	18	20
Tottenham	11	4	4	3	16	14	16	Leyton Orient	14	5	5	4	18	16	20
Chelsea	11	4	3	4	11	14	15	Cambridge United	14	5	4	5	22	24	19
Blackburn	11	4	2	5	16	15	14	Doncaster	14	5	4	5	13	19	19
West Ham	11	3	4	4	10	12	13	Northampton	14	5	3	6	17	16	18
Sheffield Wed	11	3	2	6	9	13	11	Exeter	14	4	6	4	16	19	18
QPR	11	3	1	7	10	17	10	Scunthorpe	14	4	5	5	21	16	17
Wimbledon	11	3	1	7	15	25	10	Bury	14	4	4	5	5	18	25
Everton	11	2	3	6	12	16	9	Scarborough	14	4	5	5	15	17	17
Southampton	11	2	3	6	11	20	9	Fulham	14	3	7	4	19	18	16
Coventry	11	1	4	6	8	21	7	Hereford	14	3	7	4	19	19	16
Bolton	10	1	2	7	11	22	5	Cardiff	14	4	4	6	15	16	16
Manchester City	11	0	2	9	3	21	2	Hartlepool	14	4	4	6	13	22	16
DIVISION ONE								DIVISION TWO							
Millwall	14	8	4	2	17	11	28	Mansfield	14	2	8	4	20	29	14
Birmingham	14	7	4	3	24	14	25	Barnet	14	3	5	6	14	22	14
Leicester	14	7	4	3	24	18	25	Torquay	14	2	4	8	15	31	10
West Bromwich	14	7	3	4	20	15	24	Lincoln	14	1	4	9	11	31	7
Sunderland	14	6	6	2	17	13	24	SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION							
Tranmere	13	5	6	2	21	13	21	Rangers	10	8	1	1	22	5	25
Norwich	14	5	6	3	19	15	21	Celtic	10	6	3	1	16	8	21
Charlton	14	5	6	3	18	13	21	Hibernian	10	5	4	1	18	12	19
Oldham	14	5	5	4	19	15	20	Aberdeen	10	5	1	4	17	13	16
Grimsby	14	5	5	4	14	15	20	Raith	10	4	1	5	14	16	13
Ipswich	14	5	4	5	24	21	19	Motherwell	10	2	4	4	11	13	10
Barnsley	14	5	4	5	21	27	19	Partick	10	2	4	4	9	16	10
Huddersfield	14	5	3	6	17	20	18	Falkirk	10	2	2	6	8	15	8
Derby	14	4	6	4	16	18	18	Kilmarnock	10	2	2	6	7	15	8
Southend	14	5	3	6	12	16	18	Hearts	10	2	2	6	14	23	8
Wolverhampton	14	4	5	5	18	19	17	DIVISION ONE							
Crystal Palace	13	4	5	4	16	17	17	Dunfermline	11	8	0	3	21	10	24
Reading	14	3	6	5	18	22	15	Dundee United	11	7	1	3	16	13	22
Stoke	14	3	6	5	15	19	15	Greenock Morton	11	6	2	3	22	10	20
Watford	14	3	5	6	18	21	14	Dundee	11	5	5	1	22	13	20
Portsmouth	14	3	4	7	19	23	13	Clydebank	11	4	5	2	15	11	17
Luton	14	3	3	8	10	17	12	Airdrieonians	11	4	3	4	14	14	15
Sheffield United	14	3	2	9	17	26	11	St Johnstone	11	3	3	5	12	15	12
Port Vale	14	2	5	7	12	18	11	St Mirren	11	2	4	5	11	18	10
DIVISION TWO								Dumbarton	11	3	0	8	11	26	9
Swindon	14	11	2	1	31	11	35	Hamilton	11	0	3	8	5	19	3
Crewe	13	8	3	2	27	14	27	DIVISION TWO							
Notts County	14	7	4	3	18	12	25	East Fife	11	8	2	1	14	4	26
Chesterfield	14	7	3	4	20	12	24	Berwick	11	7	1	3	23	9	22
Blackpool	14	7	3	4	19	14	24	Forfar	1	5	3	3	11	14	18
Burnley	14	6	5	3	20	14	23	Stirling	11	4	5	2	18	11	17
Wycombe	14	5	7	2	20	13	22	Stenhousemuir	11	5	2	4	16	13	17
Bradford	14	6	3	5	21	23	21	Stranraer	11	4	5	2	13	11	17
Bournemouth	14	6	2	6	18	19	20	Clyde	11	2	5	4	11	10	11
Wrexham	14	5	5	4	17	17	20	Queen of South	11	2	3	6	16	23	9
Bristol Rovers	14	6	2	6	16	21	20	Ayr	11	2	3	6	7	15	9
Stockport	14	5	5	4	15	11	20	Montrose	11	0	3	8	8	27	3
Oxford Utd	14	4	6	4	18	16	18	DIVISION THREE							
Rotherham	14	5	3	6	18	19	18	Livingston	11	8	2	1	17	5	26
Peterborough	14	4	5	5	20	22	17	Ross County	11	5	4	2	21	13	19
Walsall	14	4	4	6	16	15	16	Caledonian Thistle	11	5	3	3	27	14	18
Swansea	14	3	6	5	15	20	15	Brechin	11	5	3	3	13	9	18
Brentford	14	4	3	7	12	16	15	Arbroath	11	4	4	3	16	15	16
Shrewsbury	14	4	2	8	18	25	14	Cowdenbeath	11	4	2	5	18	20	14
York	14	4	2	8	14	23	14	Alloa	11	4	2	5	11	18	14
Bristol City	13	3	5	5	11	16	14	Albion	11	3	1	7	16	27	10
Brighton	14	3	3	8	13	23	12	East Stirling	11	2	3	6	15	24	9
Carlisle	14	2	5	7	13	22	11	Queen's Park	11	2	2	7	9	18	8
Hull	14	1	6	7	9	21	9								

Turkey unsuitable for Venison



England defender Barry Venison (above) signed a three-year contract with Premier League club Southampton last week in a \$A1,688,000 transfer from Turkish club Galatasaray.

Venison returns to English soccer just two months after moving to Turkey.

"It was a big culture change and challenge in Turkey but I thought myself and family handled it well," he said. "But Turkish football did not suit my style of play and I did not suit Turkish football."

"The standard out there is nowhere near as good as the Premier League. I don't regret going out there because it has broadened my horizons and made me appreciate what there is to offer in England."

BALL ENJOYS THRASHING

Alan Ball, one of England's 1966 World Cup heroes, endured probably his worst day as a manager on Saturday yet paradoxically insisted he had still enjoyed his afternoon at Anfield.

Ball's Manchester City, bottom of the premier league and without a win this season, suffered further humiliation when it was thrashed 6-0 by Liverpool.

Liverpool defeated City 4-0 last Tuesday in a League Cup tie at the same ground and on Saturday was two goals up after only five minutes.

"As daft as it may see, I enjoyed the game. I enjoyed Liverpool," Ball insisted.

"They're everything I believe in about how the game should be played."

"They totally outclassed us and got the start they wanted. From then on I had to sit back and admire them."

"You've got to look at the overall picture and be brutally honest. There is no point in trying to kid yourself."

"We have got to go away and learn from it and hopefully some of the young players will learn from it as



Alan Ball: Brutally honest assessment.

well because that is what I preach to them.

"I am just trying to be brutally honest about the game of football today. If I am trying to be honest with my players and myself I have also got to be honest with the fans."

"But there is not a tougher fighter than me on the block. We will be back in

on Monday morning and we will go again from there."

Ball, whose only success as a manager dates back to 1985 when he guided Portsmouth into the first division, then the top flight in the English game, has been backed to the hilt by City chairman Francis Lee, his former England team mate.

Lee is looking to balance the books at City before he puts money into the team and he seems prepared to risk the ever increasing chances of relegation.

City has lost all six away games and drawn two at home, scoring only three goals in 11 matches and conceding 21.

The fans, who have for so long watched their team struggle in the shadow of mighty neighbour Manchester United, expressed their disappointment with the team today.

Ball said: "They saw their team outclassed today and it hurt them and they were frustrated."

"It was their strength that they could take it on the chin and that's what we've got to do as a club."



United, in contrast, beat in-form visitor Middlesbrough 2-0 at home despite losing midfielder Roy Keane after he punched an opponent in the 30th minute with the match still scoreless.

Manager Alex Ferguson made no excuses for Keane's third dismissal in six months.

"You know if you lift your hand on the pitch you'll pay the price for that and get sent off. Nobody could dispute it," Ferguson said.

LEADING GOALSCORERS

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

- 16 - Les Ferdinand (Newcastle)
- 15 - Alan Shearer (Blackburn)
- 12 - Robbie Fowler (Liverpool)
- 11 - Teddy Sheringham (Tottenham), Tony Yeboah (Leeds), Ian Wright (Arsenal)
- 9 - Paul Scholes (Manchester United)
- 8 - Dean Holdsworth (Wimbledon)
- 7 - Danny Dichio (Queen's Park Rangers), Dwight Yorke (Aston Villa)

DRAWS

SCOTTISH FA CUP

FIRST ROUND

Stenhousemuir	v	Arbroath
Glasgow University	v	Spartans
Albion	v	Deveronvale
Stranraer	v	Livingston

SECOND ROUND

Ayr	v	Ross County
Forfar	v	Lossiemouth
East Stirling	v	Stenhousemuir or Arbroath
Glasgow University or Spartans	v	East Fife
Albion or Deveronvale	v	Keith
Montrose	v	Cowdenbeath
Caledonian	v	Stranraer or Livingston
Whitehill Welfare	v	Fraserburgh
Clyde	v	Brechin
Queen of the South	v	Queen's Park
Stirling	v	Alloa
Berwick	v	Annan

ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP

FOURTH ROUND

Aston Villa	v	Queens Pk Ran.
Arsenal	v	Sheffield Wed.
Wolverhampton		
Wanderers or Charlton	v	Coventry
Reading or Bury	v	Southampton
Norwich or Bradford	v	Bolton or Leicester
Leeds	v	Blackburn R.
Liverpool	v	Newcastle Utd
Crystal Palace or Middlesbrough	v	Birmingham or Tranmere

Ties to be played week beginning November 27

Wednesday goalkeepers threatened at Millwall



Kevin Pressman: "This type of incidence does the club's image no good."

English officials are to ask under-fire Millwall how a fan managed to get on the field to make a death threat to Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper Kevin Pressman during last week's League Cup game at the New Den.

The east London club already has a record for bad behavior by its sometimes volatile fans and faces a \$A211,150 fine plus an order to play matches behind closed doors because of previous trouble.

Millwall lost 2-0 at home to Wednesday in the third round of the League Cup.

Moments after the second goal, a fan ran from the Millwall end, confronted Pressman and angrily wagged his finger under the goalkeeper's nose. Pressman appeared to push him away before police intervened to drag the fan away.

"It could have been very nasty," Pressman said. "He was swearing at me, but I was more concerned about what he might do than what he was saying. He said 'You are dead. You won't get out of the ground alive.'"

Millwall could face having their ground closed to their notorious fans, with the club currently under a suspended Football Association sentence after Derby County goalkeeper Martin Taylor was attacked on the ground 17 months ago.

Pressman added: "I tried to defuse the situation. He said I was fat, so I told him: 'Have you seen yourself lately?'"

"You always get a mindless minority that are a problem. I have played at the Old Den and things weren't very nice there either. This type of incident doesn't do the club's image any good."

His main concern was avoiding an Eric Cantona-type reaction, the goalkeeper said. Pressman added: "Half of you wants to turn round, grab the guy and throw him off the pitch. But then he would start crying and say you have assaulted him."

The English Football Association said it would ask Millwall for an explanation and also would await the report of the match referee, who briefly halted the match because of the incident, before taking any action.

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V

WOLLONGONG CITY

BRUCE STADIUM - 7:30PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

SYDNEY UNITED

V

BRISBANE STRIKERS

SYD. CROATIAN SPT C. - 7:30PM

ROUND 6

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

NEWCASTLE BREAKERS

V

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

BREAKERS STADIUM - 7:30PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

SOUTH MELBOURNE

V

SYDNEY UNITED

OLYMPIC PARK - 8:00PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

BRISBANE STRIKERS

V

MORWELL FALCONS

SUNCORP STADIUM - 7:00PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

UTS OLYMPIC

V

WOLLONGONG CITY

LEIGHARDT OVAL - 7:00PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

MARCONI FAIRFIELD

V

CANBERRA COSMOS

MARCONI STADIUM - 7:00PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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HINDMARSH STADIUM - 7:30PM

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